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## Waste site scheme is withdrawn — for now

CONTROVERSIAL proposals to build a waste plant in Brierley Hill have been withdrawn just weeks before the application was set to be decided at a planning appeal — but campaigners cannot yet claim victory.

Bosses behind the plans have insisted they still intend to create the plant in Brierley Hill and will instead lodge a new application rather than proceeding with the appeal.

### Opposed

Members of the Brierley Hill SNOW (Say No to Waste site) campaign group, which has opposed the plans by Clean Power, say they will continue to oppose the proposal with 'vigour'.

In a letter to the planning inspectorate, James Waterhouse, director of Clean Power agents Icen Projects, confirmed the appeal had been withdrawn but maintained the company remained 'fully committed' to the project.

Mr Waterhouse said the decision to pull the appeal was made after some minor amendments were made to the proposal after discussions with the Environment Agency.

Under guidelines from the Planning Inspectorate, the body advises against 'evolving applications at appeal'.

## Mayor is to re-open store

THE Mayor of Dudley will officially re-open a refurbished store in the town.

Councillor Alan Finch will cut the ribbon of the new-looking B&M store in the Trident Centre on Saturday.

The store has recently had a makeover and will stock more products after increasing shelf space by 50 per cent, creating 10 jobs.

There will also be free face painting, an appearance by the Haribo Bear and a charity raffle in aid of Dudley-based White House Cancer Support.

# CORONER'S CALL ON LORRY SAFETY

## Birthday skydive for father-daughter duo



Karl Jones with his daughter Eve Jones, aged 17, look to the skies ahead of their joint skydive for Macmillan Cancer

A FATHER and daughter duo are taking their birthday celebrations to extreme heights with a charity skydive.

Karl Jones and daughter Eve, from Stourbridge, will jump from 13,000 ft to celebrate their 50th and 18th birthdays and are raising money for Macmillan Cancer as part of a brave birthday challenge.

The pair, from Western Drive, have booked to take to the skies and tandem skydive on August 21, Mr Jones' 50th birthday.

Mr Jones works as a community children's nurse at Russells Hall Hospital and said: "I have wanted to do a

skydive for a long time but have never got round to actually doing it. When I said I wanted to do one before the big 50, my daughter decided to join in and because we are raising money for such a great cause there is no way I can back out now."

The pair decided to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer because Mr Jones sees first hand the job the nurses do. He said: "I have a lot to do with the nurses through my job and often care is as important as treatment and the work they do is fantastic. I want to support them."

"Everyone knows someone who has

been affected by cancer so it is a very worthwhile cause."

Mr Jones and his daughter, who turns 18 on June 30 and is studying for her A Levels at King Edward VI College, hope to raise £1,000.

The birthday fundraiser will see them freefall at 180mph at Hinton, near Oxford, before opening their parachutes.

Mr Jones said his wife will be cheering them on with her two feet safely on the ground. He added: "My wife is terrible with heights. She does wonder why on earth we would want to do it."

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### Report by Alex Ross

**A CORONER is calling on the Department of Transport to look again at regulations over mirrors on older lorries after a war veteran was knocked down and killed by a skip lorry.**

The inquest heard that as the driver pulled away at traffic lights he was unable to see the 90-year-old under his front windscreen.

The lorry driven by Geoffrey Hawkins ran over Royal British Legion fundraiser Arnold Soulsby at the cross-road junction of Bank Street and Dudley Road in Brierley Hill.

### Fitted

An inquest at Dudley Coroners' Court was told the lorry had no forward-facing mirrors, which created a blind spot in front of the vehicle.

Under recent regulations brought in by the Department for Transport (DfT), all heavy goods vehicles made since 2007 must have the mirrors fitted.

Black Country Coroner Robin Balmain, who concluded Mr Arnold died from multiple injuries, said he was to write to the DfT.

He revealed that he had dealt with six similar cases in the past seven years.

Mr Soulsby's daughter, Susan Rowley, told the hearing said she was 'alarmed' the regulation did not apply to all heavy goods vehicles.

Mr Balmain said: "For whatever reason it wasn't felt necessary to make the regulation retrospective, so it applied to new vehicles, but not to older vehicles."

"I don't know why that was done. It might be some-



War veteran Arnold Soulsby

thing to do with the fitting and cost of doing it but I do share Mrs Rowley's concern.

"I think this is far from an isolated incident, I think I ought to draw it to Department of Transport's attention to see if they will make steps to make it retrospective."

"I do intend to write to department if the matter can be considered again to see if anything can be done."

Mr Hawkins had been driving the lorry to Halesowen when he pulled up at a red light in Bank Street just after 1pm on January 30 last year.

Asked by Mr Balmain if he had seen Mr Soulsby, he replied 'no'.

Mr Soulsby, a retired engineer, lived in Miles Court in John Street. He served in the Royal Navy during the Second World War.

## Street bid to curb problem parking

DOUBLE yellow lines have been painted on a residential street near Russells Hall Hospital in a bid to stamp out nuisance parking.

Residents have long complained about cars clogging up their road near the Dudley hospital and every resident in Abbotsford Drive signed a petition about it, sent to Dudley Council.

Bosses have now taken action and painted the lines, which mean any motorist caught parking illegally faces a fine of up to £70.

### Abuse

Residents had complained that thoughtless motorists had been blocking their drives and parking on pavements. They also claimed that they suffered frequent abuse from the motorists.

Hazel Waterfield, aged 73, of Abbotsford Drive, said: "When I have asked people to move their cars, I have been threatened with violence and told to drop down dead. No-one should have to deal with that."

Dudley North MP Ian Austin supported the campaign. He said: "I know from visiting the street myself what residents were having to put up with, so I'm delighted that the council have put down double yellow lines to tackle these problems."

## Terror book trial date set

A MAN from Dudley has pleaded not guilty to two counts of distributing a terrorist book.

Usman Choudhary, aged 33, of Terry Street, is accused of supplying a book allegedly intended to directly or indirectly encourage or induce the commission, preparation or instigation of acts of terrorism.

Unemployed Choudhary pleaded not guilty on Monday and remains in custody until trial at Kingston Crown Court on July 7.

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# Army reserve squadron to expand

AN ARMY reserve squadron which was once part of one of the Midlands' oldest TA regiments will expand by a third under ambitious recruitment plan.

The announcement has been made after soldiers from the Royal Mercian and Lancastrian Yeomanry gathered at their base in Dudley to watch their flag lowered for the last time as part of changes being intro-

duced by the Ministry of Defence. As part of the ceremony the red, blue and yellow flag of the RMLY was replaced with A Squadron's own standard. However, this will soon be replaced by the green, white and yellow standard of the Royal Yeomanry.

New badges were also revealed as part of changes as the Government re-structures the Territorial Army

into the Army Reserve. Members of A Squadron in Dudley will take on the role of a light cavalry unit providing a reconnaissance during operations as part of the Royal Yeomanry, which has its headquarters in Croydon.

Earlier this year it was feared that the centre in Vicar Street, Dudley, would close but MP Ian Austin secured a commitment from Gov-

ernment ensuring Dudley's Army Reserve squadron will be able to expand. The squadron has around 60 soldiers but plans to recruit around 25 to 30 more to the unit.

Captain Andy Peters, Permanent Staff Administration Officer, said: "We did have uncertainty over the base but we are staying open and we are going to expand and continue to recruit."

# Museum in tunnels is now a step closer

**PLANS to transform the Drakelow Tunnels, near Kinver, into a museum are 'back on track' after months of delays.**

A decision on the scheme by Wyre Forest District Council is expected in June or July. Work is expected to begin soon after. Officials said experts had now joined the project to help secure funding.

Delays hit the scheme after the authority requested more detailed proposals and a revised business plan.

## Job sign Paul looking for work again

THE man who took to the streets of the Black Country pleading for a job before Christmas is looking for work again.

Paul Hyde from Wolverhampton was finally offered work at Great Plane Alloy in Brierley Hill in February but his contract recently came to an end. The 52-year-old says he is now considering taking to the streets again with his home-made sign.

"Anybody can queue for a job, you have to do something that will make you stand out. When you walk along the Wolverhampton ring road with a sign, it shows you are determined to work," he said.

Mr Hyde, of Finchfield Road West, said he had never been unemployed until he was made redundant from Wednesday-based Eurofast just over a year ago.

He spent one day before Christmas pounding the pavement around the Chapel Ash Island in the city armed with a home-made placard after dire financial circumstances had driven him to drastic action.

He has worked in a number of trades including as a painter and decorator and a sheet-metal worker.

English Heritage had also been involved in a study of the tunnels.

Lady Sarah Gauntlett Shea, agent for the owners, said: "The project is still very much alive and is ongoing. We have been putting together all the information requested by the council.

### Knowledge

"Meetings will be taking place in the next few days to confirm when the plans will be heard and a decision made. I am expecting the council to make a decision in June or July."

She said the project had now been joined by experts including Steve Webley, from Staffordshire University. "He has a wide knowledge of the Second World War and the Cold War," she said. "He will help secure funding for exhibits which will be on display at the museum once permission has been secured."

A decision had been expected last December. Additional information was requested and took longer than expected.

Last November a cannabis farm containing 885 plants was found by police in the tunnels.

Lady Gauntlett Shea said this had 'not affected' the plans for the site.

The tunnels were a machine parts factory during the Second World War and later became nuclear bunker.

## Charity ride is tribute to partner



In the saddle Len Phipps,69, with fellow Georgina Unit fundraiser Karen Phillips

HE is approaching his 70th birthday but Len Phipps is hard at work preparing for a 140-mile cycle ride in tribute to his late partner. The retired sales manager is to ride from the birthplace of Carol McKie in Nelson, Lancashire, to Himley Hall to raise money for Georgina Unit at Russells Hall Hospital in Dudley.

The couple were together for 13 years and lived in Laburnum Road, Kingswinford, before Mrs McKie was diagnosed with bladder cancer in 2006. She fought bravely

against it but died in May last year, aged 66. Mr Phipps decided to take on the cycling challenge in his partner's memory and began training a year ago. He said: "I was blessed to be her partner for 13 years and feel so fortunate to have shared my life with this amazing woman."

Mother-of-three Mrs McKie, an office worker at the Ridgewood High School in Stourbridge, moved to the West Midlands in 1981. To donate visit [www.justgiving.com/Len-Phipps2](http://www.justgiving.com/Len-Phipps2)

# Three to be sentenced for attack with shovel

A MAN has been told a prison sentence is 'almost inevitable' after he admitted involvement in a violent attack where a victim was hit in the head with a shovel.

Benjamin Payne was due to stand trial at Wolverhampton Crown Court but the 20-year-old, of Chapel Street, Brierley Hill, changed his plea to guilty before the hearing began. He admitted attempting to cause grievous bodily harm to the victim won Hagley Road, Stourbridge, at around 4.45am on June 30. The victim suffered minor injuries.

Payne was given unconditional bail until his appearance before the court on June 4 for sentencing. A report will be drawn up before the hearing.

Judge Amjad Nawaz said: "A custodial sentence is almost inevitable."

The victim was knocked to the ground during the attack before being kicked. He was hit over the head several times with the shovel as he on the ground.

Mark Flavell, 44, of Manor Road, Wordsley, and Ryan Claridge, 20, of Barnett Lane, Kingswinford, have already pleaded guilty to charges. All three will appear on June 4 for sentence.

## Continental market visits

A CONTINENTAL market will transform West Bromwich town centre into a bustling European market next week as stall holders from across the continent return to the Black Country.

The fair from May 29 until May 31, and will feature more stalls than ever before and it is hoped it will bring new shoppers into the town.

Organiser Olivier Simonin said: "We have new professional continental market traders from France, Belgium, Italy, Spain, Holland, Poland and many more countries."

## Polish flights

BUDGET airline Ryanair is launching new flights to Poland and Lithuania as part of its winter schedule from Birmingham.

The Irish airline is launching flights to Gdansk in Poland and Lithuania's second city, Kaunas, twice a week.

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## Teenaged driver in city centre car chase

A TEENAGER from Dudley stole a car and was chased by police in Birmingham city centre. Zohabe Akbar, 18, pleaded guilty at Dudley Magistrates Court to stealing a Volkswagen Golf and driving dangerously in Broad Street.

Akbar, of Norman Street, Dixons Green, narrowly missed three pedestrians as he mounted the pavement to get away from an unmarked police car on April 17. The teenager, who had to be forcibly removed from the car, pleaded guilty to failing to stop, having no driving licence or insurance.

After a one mile pursuit, officers arrested Akbar, who had two passengers. Miss Jayne Yeomans, prosecuting, said: "Police were informed that a car stolen from Dudley was driving on Paradise Circus towards Broad Street at 4.30pm. The area was very busy."

"The car turned into Gas Street where an unmarked police car turned on its sirens and indicated to the car to stop but Akbar accelerated and narrowly missed a pedestrian."

Mr Peter Jordan, defending, said: "Akbar disagrees with some of the details of his driving." He will be sentenced at Wolverhampton Crown Court on June 11.

## Children seek help on drugs

HUNDREDS of children have been referred for drug and alcohol treatment in the past two years in the Black Country.

In Dudley 141 youngsters accessed those services in 2012/13. Seven of them were aged nine to 12.

Dudley Councillor Susan Ridney, who chairs the borough's health scrutiny committee, said: "I am just concerned, with general cut-backs, that these figures do not creep up."

The most common means for children to come into contact with drugs and alcohol is through their parents.

## Community cafe

A CAFE is being created at St Andrew's United Reformed and Methodist Church in Sedgley. The community cafe involves conversion of an area in the Bilston Street building. The £166,788 project is funded by Biffa, Veolia Environmental and SITA trusts.

# Views are wanted on revamp for town



Action plan for Dudley town centre

RESIDENTS are being urged to take part in a consultation on the future regeneration of Dudley town centre.

People are being asked to give their views on the proposed 'area action plan', which outlines development from now until 2026.

It includes proposals to build a new supermarket in the town centre, develop a multi-storey car park on Tower Street and improve connections between the Castle Hill attractions, Castlegate and the town centre.

The council says so far more than 90 per cent of online respondents have given their

support to the council's plan for the future of the town centre. John Millar, director of urban environment at Dudley Council, said: "We would like to thank everyone who has responded and to encourage others to do so."

"This will be an important document in influencing how the town centre develops over the next decade and we are keen to receive as many views as possible."

The current round of responses will be considered as part of the next draft of the plan which will be consulted on in early 2015, with the final document scheduled for completion in 2016.

Topics that people can give their views on include the kind of homes people want and jobs they need. They are also asked to consider the quality of the borough's open spaces, how they can be improved and how the council can keep the character of the town in the future.

Views are wanted on the types of shops, bars and restaurants people want as well as parking and transport. Visit [www.dudley.gov.uk/resident/planning/planning-policy/local-development-framework/dudley-aap/](http://www.dudley.gov.uk/resident/planning/planning-policy/local-development-framework/dudley-aap/) public-consultation or call Dudley Council's Tim Brown on (01384) 817215.

# Mother crashed friend's car after boozy night out

A MOTHER-of-seven took her friend's car following a night on the town and drove it while drunk into the wall of a furniture shop.

Louise Wilding went out drinking in Stourbridge to 'let off steam' after being dumped by her partner of three years.

The 38-year-old was also upset that her grandmother, who suffered from Alzheimer's Disease, had recently been diagnosed with cancer, Dudley magistrates were told.

Mrs Jane Yeomans, prosecuting, said Wilding had been given the keys of a Renault Clio for safe keeping by her friend Sherry Cooper who did not have a handbag with her. Ms Cooper later took a taxi, intending to pick up the car the next day.

Officers on foot patrol in the town centre at 3.15am on April 19 heard a loud bang and found the Clio embedded in the wall of Pargeter's furniture store in Cork Passage. Wilding was arrested at the scene.

A breathalysar showed her alcohol level at 68 micrograms in 100 millilitres of breath, almost twice the limit for driving. Mrs Amanda Tomkins, defending, said Wilding had been going through a difficult time. Her partner had left her with no explanation after three years and she received no support from the father of her children, five of whom lived at home. In addition, her ailing grandmother had been told she had cancer, the court heard.

Wilding, of John Corbett Drive, Amblecote, pleaded guilty to drink-driving, aggravated vehicle taking and no insurance. She was given a 12-month order with conditions to do 100 hours unpaid work and stick to a curfew. She was disqualified from driving 18 months and told to pay £145 costs.

## Prestigious honour for helpful advice



Julie Duffy receives her British Empire Medal from Paul Sabapathy, Lord Lieutenant of the West Midlands in Dudley

SHE has dedicated more than 25 years to helping others and now Julie Duffy, head of the What? Centre, has been honoured with the British Empire Medal for her efforts to improve the lives of thousands of young people.

A crowd of friends and family gathered in the Mayor's Parlour at Dudley Council House to watch her receive the prestigious accolade from The Lord Lieutenant of the West Midlands, Paul Sabapathy CBE.

The 58-year-old from Wordsley has

been the chief executive of The What? Centre in Stourbridge for 26 years and has transformed the organisation from a small advice centre to a large counselling service that receives referrals from doctors across the borough.

It currently provides help to around 160 young people aged between 13-25, giving advice and help on such issues as abuse, eating disorders, bereavement, relationship problems, sexual health, homelessness and many other topics.

Mrs Duffy, who was named in the Queen's New Year's Honours list, said: "I didn't know that I had been nominated until I got the letter in the post. I was in shock and disbelief at being given such recognition."

"It means so much to receive this honour in Dudley. I can't think of another place I would rather be presented with the British Empire Medal. I see this as recognition for everyone at the What? Centre and everyone that I have ever volunteered with."

## NEWS in brief

### Path and viewing platform go ahead

PLANS to extend a path linking three major tourist attractions in Dudley have been approved.

Permission was given for the creation of a shared arrival point for visitors to Dudley Zoo, the Black Country Living Museum and Dudley Canal Trust back in October 2012.

An amended design for the pathway has now been given the go-ahead.

The move will also allow a viewing platform to be created providing views towards Dudley Canal.

### Get rowing on the reservoir

TWO new boats will be going out on the water at a Dudley reservoir to give people the chance to try rowing.

As part of Dudley Council's 'Let's Get' campaign, people can have a go at the sport for free at Dudley Water Sports Centre in a project run with British Rowing at Lodge Farm Reservoir, Netherton on Sunday, June 1. From 10am to 2pm, the event is those age 12 and over. Contact coach Matthew Brighton on 07580 725792.

### Call to help tidy church grounds

CAMPAIGNERS working towards reopening a Dudley church for the community are appealing for supporters to lend a hand clearing the grounds.

The St John's Preservation Group is looking for help tackling weeds at St John's Church, Kates Hill, on Sundays from 2pm and on Wednesdays from 5pm. Contact Deb Brownlee on [savesjohnschurch@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:savesjohnschurch@hotmail.co.uk)

### Fun at museums during Whitsun

YOUNGSTERS can enjoy a activities at a museum club during the Whitsun break. A range of crafts and trails will be on offer as part of the Juniors at Museums (Jam) club at the Red House Glass Cone, Dudley Museum and Art Gallery and Broadfield House Glass Museum. Visit [www.dudley.gov.uk/see-and-do](http://www.dudley.gov.uk/see-and-do)

### Machine on fire

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DESPITE the sacking of a BBC presenter, the unexpurgated 1932 version of The Sun Has Got His Hat On can still be found online via Google. Mind you, the European Court of Justice now says Google should recognise the "right to be forgotten" and remove search results that members of the public find awkward or embarrassing. We can probably look forward to a golden age when nothing nasty can be found and online searches reveal only nice things: Gordon Brown: finest economist of his generation. Tony Blair: peace-bringer to the Middle East. Adolf Hitler: popular European politician and champion of the toothbrush moustache.

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ONE snag with the court's ruling on Google is that many of us share the same name. Thus, Google will tell you that "Peter Rhodes is a veteran BBC producer," "Peter Rhodes is a Chartered Psychologist," "Peter Rhodes is a London-based illustrator" and "Peter Rhodes is a waste of ink." Only one of these applies to me (no prizes) but am I entitled to have them all deleted?

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WHEN it was announced that a new film was to be made of Dad's Army, there was much gnashing of teeth from those who believe the sheer brilliance of Dad's Army cannot be replicated. So it was worthwhile watching last weekend's repeat The Two and a Half Fathers (BBC2) which was badly conceived, badly written, badly acted and painfully embarrassing. Some of the 80 episodes hit unforgettable heights of comedy and poignancy. And some were awful.

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WE are told that Boko Haram, the name of the Nigerian terrorist group, means "Western education is forbidden." Haram is the Arabic word for forbidden which suggests the single word Boko means "Western education." But according to a BBC language expert, the name is a short form of a longer phrase and the meaning is implied. Strangely enough, Britain has an organisation with a very puzzling name. Special Air Service sounds like a courier company. It actually means "Lots of very hard men from Hereford are coming to kick seven sorts of \*\*\*\* out of you." Boko Haram may soon be in for a real education.

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RESEARCHERS in California have discovered that polar bears have evolved uniquely to live on a high-fat diet that would kill any human. This, according to one report, is why polar bears never need to diet. Another reason polar bears never need to diet is that they stand nine feet tall, have razor-sharp claws and nobody ever calls them a lardarse.

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AS he campaigns for women soldiers in the front line and sneers at the Army's "macho" image, Defence Secretary Philip Hammond should try spending a few nights on exercise or operations with a typical infantry platoon. They are the ones whose job, to seize and hold the ground, has changed little in thousands of years. In the last resort they do it with with rifle butt, fists and bayonet, so close to the enemy that they can smell his dying breath. These are warriors who kill and are killed in much the same way as King Henry's muddy, bloody warhammer-wielding band of brothers at Agincourt. Their job is so filthy, foul, demeaning and stressful that it can, and often does, send them mad. It is a terrible tragedy that in the 21st century we still need men to do such things. And only a politician utterly unaware of the reality of battle would want women to do the same.

**Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star**

# Health trust praised with a few provisos

A MENTAL health service provider has been praised in a new report but told to make some improvements in the care of elderly residents.

Dudley and Walsall Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust runs Bushey Fields Hospital, Dorothy Pattison Hospital and Bloxwich Hospital.

The service has been praised by England's Chief Inspector of Hos-

pitals Professor Sir Mike Richards. But inspectors found the trust needs to make sure Bushey Field Hospital's Holyrood Ward meets needs of dementia patients; care and treatment of the elderly needed to improve; that patients nursed in isolation are correctly recorded and monitored.

They also called for all clinical staff to have the right specialist

training; and to investigate staff survey results with regard to staff bullying claims.

In general, the Care Quality Commission inspection found the trust provided safe care and had effective leadership.

Sir Mike said: "We found Dudley and Walsall Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust had a robust approach to learning from incidents

and ensured this was embedded in practice across its services"

Dudley and Walsall Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust Chief Executive Gary Graham said: "We welcome the CQC's report which, overall, is very positive. I am pleased that the inspectors have recognised the hard work of our staff and the high quality, safe mental health services that we provide."

# Setting sun may have dazzled pilot in crash

A PILOT may have had his vision impaired by the setting sun moments before his microlight hit power cables and crashed.

Father-of-two Andrew Tollerton, aged 52, of Gerald Road, Wollaston, died in a field after his Pegasus Flex Wing two-seater crashed at Barratt's Coppice, Stourton.

An inquest jury ruled that Mr Tollerton died as a result of an accident shortly after 5.50pm on October 6. The lorry driver had suffered head and chest injuries in the crash at the field off the Bridgnorth Road.

The Air Accidents Investigation Branch revealed its findings last week. It found weather conditions that afternoon were good but added: "The sun was low in the sky and the pilot would have been flying almost directly into it during his final approach to the field."

Experts said the aircraft had only been airborne for five to 10 minutes before the accident happened. Previous flights recorded in Mr Tollerton's logbook had lasted on average 42 minutes. The report says the reason for the shortened flight could not be established but there were two possible causes.

"The flight was conducted late in the day and the pilot may have been concerned about the fading light."

"Secondly, the pilot had a pre-existing medical condition that had the potential to cause painful symptoms,

which could have been distracting or partially incapacitating."

A post mortem report stated Mr Tollerton had medical conditions including high blood pressure and kidney stones.

The report concluded: "The microlight's approach, into wind and towards the low, setting sun, appeared to be under control until it struck the power cables. Although the pilot had operated from the field before, the angle of the sun and the close orientation of the power cables with the surface ruts in the field, together with the location of the power cable support poles, may have made the cables difficult to detect."

"The pilot did not appear to take any avoiding action, indicating that he did not see the cables or that he only did so when it was too late."

The report also stated Mr Tollerton did not have a pilot's licence and not completed the training.

## Man remanded in custody

A MAN started a fire in his former flat by setting alight his window blinds, a court heard.

Adrian Daker, aged 25, started the small blaze in Hallchurch Road in Dudley on April 13.

Appearing at Wolverhampton Crown Court last week, he pleaded guilty to arson being reckless as to whether life would be endangered.

Judge Nicholas Webb adjourned the case for a psychiatric report.

Daker, of no fixed abode, was remanded in custody until a sentencing hearing on July 8.

## Fitness boot camp expanding



Priory peak performance for Joshua Burchell and Lee Morgan of Total Body Fitness

AN URBAN boot camp with a difference is proving so popular it is now providing additional sessions at a new location.

Set up by Dudley internet entrepreneur Joshua Burchell, 24, and his sales manager friend Lee Morgan, 31, Total Body Fitness was launched in March on the car park of Champions Church at Cinder Bank.

Now anyone between 18 and 60, from unfit beginners to fitness fanatics, can also join new sessions on Dudley's Priory Park. Joshua said: "The uptake has been hugely

encouraging and already we are seeing some incredible weight-loss results. "We have one woman who has committed to two sessions a week and in just four weeks has lost an incredible 16 lbs.

The new schedule now provides Total Body Fitness with five sessions a week. New sessions are on Mondays from 7pm to 8pm, and Wednesdays 6pm to 7pm, while hour-long supervised training continues at the church car park on Tuesdays at 6pm, Thursdays at 7pm and Saturdays at 10am.

## Hotel chain recruit 36 for Black Country HQ

A HOTELS group is taking on 36 sales staff at its Black Country bookings centre.

InterContinental Hotels Group, which includes Holiday Inn and Crowne Plaza, has its UK guest centre at Oak Court in Dudley Road, Brierley Hill. The centre, which is open 5am to 10pm seven days a week, currently employs 250.

Human resources manager Sophie Meachem said that the new jobs were because of growth of business at the centre, which takes bookings mainly from the UK but also deals with international reservations when overseas centres are shut.

The full time jobs, which involve answering calls from guests booking in at more than 4,600 group hotels around the world, carry a basic salary of £15,838. Reservation sales specialists will be working shifts between 7am and 10pm.

The Brierley Hill centre, which also has a dedicated team serving the Middle East, has been going for more than 25 years.

The group has Holiday Inn hotels at Wolverhampton and Walsall and a Holiday Inn Express at Oldbury. It also owns several chains.

To apply for jobs contact (01384) 890918.

## Mum's the word drama

TICKETS have gone on sale for a new production featuring an all-female cast from the Black Country.

Charlemont Drama Society's 133rd production, Be My Baby, is the story of four unmarried teenage girls in the 1960s who have been sent away to a home to have their babies in secret.

The production will run for two nights only on June 67, at Pennyhill Primary School in Hollyhedge Road, West Bromwich, from 7.30pm. Tickets are available from Sylvia Hill by calling 0121 357 4169 or email hilld28@sky.com.

## One season kit

ALBION will only keep their controversial new kit design for one season after a backlash from fans

The club are planning to wear a pinstripe design next season but will revert back to their more traditional blue and white stripes in 2015-16.

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## Council in talks over lighting up church

HERITAGE experts have been drafted in to work on plans to light up a grade II listed church.

Dudley Council wants to install lighting outside St Edmund King and Martyr Church in Castle Street.

It is the latest part of £6.7million regeneration project to breathe new life into Dudley town centre.

Due to the church having listed status, English Heritage has been consulted on the proposals for the building which falls within a conservation area.

Discussions over the design of the lights, which would be fitted to concrete plinths outside the building, are now taking place to find the best way to carry out the work. The planning application has been withdrawn until a final design is drawn up.

John Millar, Dudley's director of urban environment, said: "As St Edmunds is a listed building, English Heritage are a consultee within the planning process and have made some comments on the design of the proposed new lighting. The application has therefore been withdrawn while we discuss the design with English Heritage and will be resubmitted."

## Help online for business

A NEW online tool designed to help budding entrepreneurs set up their own business has been made available.

Complete Business Reference Advisor is a free online resource which is available via the Dudley Libraries' website. It is within the online resources section of the website and allows people to access more than 600 start up guides, information about courses, qualifications and training providers, guides to finance schemes and subsidies as well as details on regulations.

Go to [www.dudley.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.dudley.gov.uk/libraries).

## Homes planned

PLANS have been lodged for four homes on the site of a former petrol station.

The properties would be built on land off Stream Road, Kingswinford if proposals are approved by Dudley Council.

The site was former used by BP as a petrol station.

# Motorcyclist killed in France by sleeping driver



Keen cyclist David Cook

A FATHER-OF-TWO was killed during a motorcycling holiday in southern France when an 80-year-old woman fell asleep at the wheel of her car, an inquest heard.

Halesowen-born David Cook, 41, suffered internal bleeding and three heart attacks after being hit head-on by French pensioner Ginette Bock whose car was on the wrong side of the road, Cannock Coroner's Court heard.

Mr Cook had been riding behind his friend Bernie Brinkmann, from

Stourbridge, on the D900 at Gault, north of Marseille, when the tragedy occurred just before 5.30pm on June 14 last year. He was flown by air ambulance to hospital in Marseille where he was later pronounced dead.

Both men would go on motorbiking holidays across the Continent together and were highly experienced riders, the court was told. Normally Mr Cook, of Wombourne, would ride in front with Mr Brinkmann following.

"Mr Brinkmann could see in the distance a car on the wrong side of the road and thought as it got nearer it would cross back on to the correct side," South Staffordshire coroner Andrew Haigh said. "But it didn't and at the last minute Mr Brinkmann swerved to the side of the road toward the crash barrier. He saw in his mirror that the car collided with David pretty much head-on."

Mr Brinkmann said: "David always travelled in front and for

some reason he just said you go in the front and I'll go at the back. We were in the wrong place at the wrong time."

Bock has been convicted of involuntary homicide by a motor vehicle in the French courts.

Mr Cook, a rugby player, worked at Evans and White Ltd in Kingswinford. He is survived by wife Joy, son Adam and daughter Chloe.

Mr Haigh concluded death due to multiple injuries caused by road traffic collision.

# Grant aid is a lifeline for historic wedding venue

A LANDMARK hotel near Stourbridge has been handed a vital lifeline of grants worth almost £90,000 which will allow bosses to expand and create more than 20 jobs.

The number of bedrooms at wedding venue Dunsley Hall Hotel, Kinver, will treble from 11 to 33 as part of a £500,000 scheme.

It comes after bosses at the hotel told how they would have faced closure without the grants after previous expansion plans ran into financing problems.

Terrie Beardsmore, who owns Dunsley Hall with her husband Wilf and son Simon, said banks had failed to help by lending money for the expansion. But now they are forging ahead thanks to the £89,000 grant from the Staffordshire Chambers of Commerce Jobs and Growth Fund.

## Art in ruins for show at town gallery

A COLLECTION of paintings of romantic ruins, including six never seen before by the public, have gone on display in Dudley.

The exhibition, comprising 51 works, is at Dudley Museum and Art Gallery and admission is free.

There are many pictures of Dudley Castle as well as paintings of Witley Court before it was ravaged by fire in 1937. Other West Midlands scenes include Dudley Priory, Halesowen Abbey and Ludlow Castle in Shropshire.

There are also pictures of foreign scenes in France, Germany, Spain and Italy.

In the late 18th century the cult of the picturesque ruin became hugely popular. Local views in the exhibition include Priory Hall by HR Dickinson and FH Henshaw's View of Dudley from Wrens Nest. Halesowen-born Amos Green is represented by his watercolour Castles in a Landscape.

Dudley Council's John Millar said: "This exhibition showcases some real gems of the Dudley Museum collection."

## Garden

They will start the first phase of the expansion plan using the grant to fund the start of building work and to increase car parking at the site off Dunsley Road.

Phase one of the work includes a function room, disabled access and toilet, a lift, larger kitchen, conservatory and opening a Victorian walled garden.

Mrs Beardsmore welcomed the grant saying they had had been relying on family fundraising to help the business so far.

"We tried to get lending from more than 12 lenders only to be turned away," she said. "This is a great boost for us and will be for the local area employment wise."

She added: "The grant has been an enormous help. Without it I think I would have shut it down because it was becoming too much work. We and the staff are absolutely elated."

## Payroll donation is big bonus for zoo



Zoo marketing assistant Andrea Hales and Andy Christie of Pertemps in Dudley meet lemurs at Dudley Zoo

TWO ring-tailed lemurs were among the animals to benefit from a recent cash donation to Dudley Zoo from a Black Country employment and training group.

The Dudley workers nominated their local zoo for a donation from their award winning payroll giving scheme.

Andy Christie, who works in the King Street offices of Pertemps People Development Group, made the suggestion to support after getting support

from his colleagues and he got to meet the cheeky Lemur Wood boys when he handed over the donation.

"I'm new to the business but thought the scheme was something I wanted to be a part of," said Andy.

"I pass the zoo on my way to work, it's somewhere we all take for granted but I didn't appreciate that it was an educational charity with such a focus on animal conservation."

The company previously supported Dudley Zoo by encouraging staff to

see for themselves what a fantastic day out it is to be had at the Castle Hill attraction.

"I made a suggestion to our payroll giving scheme and was delighted when a contribution of £315 was agreed," continued Andy. "When you talk of Dudley everyone mentions the zoo, so we're keen to promote it wherever we can."

The company made the gesture as part of its community support programme.

## NEWS in brief

### Coffee lounge business opens

TWENTY jobs are being created as a new coffee lounge opens.

Dudley MP Ian Austin opened Cafe Capella in Gospel End Street in Sedgley last week. The lounge will be run by Brian Chapelle and family.

Mr Austin said: "It is great to see new businesses opening in Dudley, especially ones which are employing local young people."

"I hope that this family run café does well and that local residents use their coffee lounge."

### Marking 50 at a big school reunion

FORMER pupils of a school in Kingswinford are being invited to a night of nostalgia with school mates who are aged around 50.

Friends from Crestwood School in Bromley Lane have organised a reunion. The event is the brainchild of 49-year-old Alan Scott who along with friends set up a Facebook page and decided to hold the reunion at Himley House on June 21. Tickets cost £15. Contact classof76@outlook.com or visit [www.facebook.com/groups/539139589469530](http://www.facebook.com/groups/539139589469530).

### Hats the way to run a tea party

THE world of Alice in Wonderland will be brought to life at an event to raise awareness and funds for a new charity.

A Mad Hatter's Tea Party and Fair is being held at St Thomas' Church Hall on Market St, Stourbridge, on Saturday from 11am till 3pm, organised by The Hub Stourbridge to raise funds and awareness of their project for local enterprise.

### Bostin' idea for Scrabble fans

IF you are a Black Country 'mon' or 'wench' who likes Scrabble, a 'bostin' club wants you. As part of Black Country Day celebrations in July, Tipton Library will host a special Scrabble club where only Black Country words are allowed.

It will be held on July 11 at 2pm and places can be reserved by calling Tipton Library on 0121 557 1796.

### Soul at town hall

A NORTHERN soul and Motown night will be held at Dudley Town Hall for fans of 1960s and 70s soul music on Saturday. Tickets cost £7 for the 8 until late event featuring several DJs. Call (01384) 812812.

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area and Brian is finding that his approach is a major factor in his success. "The truth is that it's not just the personal satisfaction that I get from doing a good job but also it makes good business sense. I get a huge amount of business from friends and family of people



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## IN MY VIEW

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YOU can tell it's election time when White Dee's antics in Magaluf seems like a pleasant respite from the wall-to-wall platitudes being churned out by our political leaders.

It seems the star of Benefits Street has left her life on the sofa behind, and has found work in the Spanish resort.

Not grafting in an office or factory, you understand. Or even a few shifts serving behind a bar. But, nevertheless, it does appear Dee Kelly has found some kind of gainful employment: knocking back shots in nightclubs, judging wet T-shirt competitions, all the kind of messy, menial work that the locals wouldn't want to do. It's a tough slog, but Magaluf welcomes hard-working immigrants who go there to contribute to the economy.

"I am taking casual work," she admitted. "I won't tell you how much I am earning but it's not half as much as people think."

Incredibly, White Dee has even been tipped for a role in Celebrity Big Brother.

Not that she is quite ready to retire from the benefits lifestyle just yet. According to her agent (yes, really) it is out of the question that Miss Kelly should have her benefits stopped.

"I'm trying to get Dee fit for work," said Barry Tones, alluding to mysterious healing powers.

"Once she does that, she will be able to earn good money."

Well people less reasonable than myself might wonder how somebody who has an agent, has released a rap record and has had sessions as a DJ in Birmingham nightclubs is not fit for some kind of regular work.

But the one question nobody has bothered to ask is whether Miss Kelly really exists.

Isn't it a bit convenient that the latest scandal has broken in the same week as the national and European elections? And that David Cameron has taken the opportunity to come out fighting, suggesting that he would personally intervene to ensure White Dee is not claiming benefits she should not be receiving?

Call me a mad conspiracy theorist if you like, but has it ever occurred to anybody that White Dee is not a real person, but an actress working for one of the political parties to whip up as much public anger as possible? It's the same about former Apprentice candidate Katie Hopkins, who has since carved out a media career making spiteful right-wing comments about anybody who does not fit in with her vision of society. She's got to be working for the Labour Party, surely?

For all we know, there could be a whole network of undercover spin doctors secretly working in the television industry.

There probably isn't, of course. But just because you're paranoid, it doesn't mean they aren't out to get you.



The market where Boparan's career began



The 2 Sisters factory, in Dial Lane, West Bromwich



Supermarkets are flagging up British food

# 'Chicken king' who reigns on rich list

From butcher's boy to a billionaire he champions British brand, as DANIEL WAINWRIGHT discovers

**THEY call him the 'chicken king'. Ranjit Singh Boparan heads a business turning over £3 billion a year supplying poultry to KFC, Sainsbury's and Tesco.**

His 2 Sisters Food Group, with factories in Smethwick, West Bromwich and Wolverhampton, is part of a business empire that employs 24,000 people.

It is good going for a former butcher's shop boy from Bilston who left school at 16 with very few qualifications. Mr Boparan and his wife Baljinder have a fortune of £1.3 billion, meaning they top the list of the richest Asians in the West Midlands.

## Brand

Various profile pieces about him list the butcher's shop as being in Bilston. Which one, Mr Boparan has not said, although it is believed to be one of the stalls on Bilston Indoor Market. It is understood he began working in the shop at the age of 11.

The 47-year-old champions the idea of a 'British' brand that everyone should work together to promote. But he does not do interviews with the media. His business includes some household names including the fish and chip restaurant chain Harry Ramsden's as well as Northern Foods, the producer of Goodfella's and San Marco frozen pizzas and Fox's Biscuits.

He started the 2 Sisters group in West Bromwich in 1993 with a small loan. Since then the business has grown, acquiring more and more others.

In the year to August 2009, 2 Sisters'



Ranjit Singh Boparan – the West Midlands billionaire promoting British brand

sales increased 28 per cent to £649.4 million, with pre-tax profits up 33 per cent to £33.9 million, leaving a £12 million dividend for the family – an impressive feat during a recession. It is now recognised as the country's second largest food production company.

Northern Foods, which also makes Marks & Spencer ready meals, was added to his portfolio in 2011 having seen off a rival based in Dublin. No-one had been able to match Mr Boparan's £342 million cash offer.

With Asda and Morrisons also on the

list of companies supplied by 2 Sisters it is no wonder that Mr Boparan has acquired the nickname 'chicken king'. British Airways and Harrods are customers too.

Although profits soared during the recession, the business has not been immune from its ups and downs. 2 Sisters confirmed recently it would be shutting its Solway Foods site in Corby, where 930 people make chilled products such as salads and coleslaws.

Losses within Boparan Holdings, the parent company of which Mr and Mrs

Boparan are the sole shareholders, almost doubled in a year to £27.5 million.

Sales were up, however, by 35 per cent to £848 million – boosted by the takeover of meat and chicken processing business Vion a year ago.

In a rare public appearance in February, Mr Boparan took part in a debate held by the National Farmers Union and talked about the importance of a British brand in promoting food produced in the UK. And he would know about what people want and buy, having sold it to them every day in the Black Country.

Former Wolverhampton mayor Bert Turner, a councillor in Bilston, says people remember Mr Boparan working at the market.

"He was on the big meat stall," he says. "He wasn't the owner but he started there working with two or three others."

## Example

The President of the Black Country Chamber of Commerce, Ninder Johal, says that Mr Boparan's story is an example of how anything is possible.

He says: "It is brilliant to have such a success story in the Black Country. "It shows that from humble beginnings young people can aspire to get to the very top.

Mrs Boparan plays a major role with the Boparan Charitable Trust, which is based in Birmingham and raises money to help disabled and disadvantaged children throughout the UK.

Also on the board is the couple's son Antonio Singh Boparan. The family was rocked in 2006 when a Range Rover Antonio, then aged 19, was driving crashed into a Jeep, leaving 11-month old Cerys Edwards with brain damage and in need of 24-hour care.

Ranjit and Baljinder Boparan pledged a substantial cash gift to Cerys's family and to set up a trust fund for her and other injured children.

## POLITICS

WITH  
DANIEL  
WAINWRIGHT

I'M a little worried some people might fall into the trap of thinking that today's vote will make a scrap of difference when it comes to Britain being in or out of the European Union. It won't.

Only the Parliament in Westminster can give us a referendum. Whether you vote Ukip or anyone else today will not amount to a hill of beans on that burning issue.

The debate in recent weeks has turned towards being in or out of the EU. There's enormous concern over just how many of our laws originate in Brussels and whether or not our borders are really ours to control.

What doesn't get picked up on as much is it was the former Labour government that decided to open the borders to Eastern Europeans in 2004 while the Germans and French prevented them from working in their countries until 2011.

That was something that happened in London, not Brussels. It might have started on the continent, but it was our own MPs who chose to enact it.

It would also be easy to find the rest of the debates in the European Parliament about as dull as a Eurovision song contest without the dancing milkmaids.

Some of the subjects MEPs tackle on a daily basis are not exactly going to be the ones that people are talking about over the dinner table.

## Websites

Press releases issued by some serving West Midlands MEPs recently have included one who was pleased travel websites have to now give information on how to complain and recognition of his work to ensure exhaust pipes were checked for air pollution.... Yawn.

The EU and its Parliament affects people's lives in many ways. One of the things it enforced was the need for websites to flash up messages asking if people are prepared to accept 'cookies' – those little bits of data sent from a site to the user's browser that lets the site 'remember' them.

Nikki Sinclair, the former Ukip member who founded her own group called We Demand A Referendum Now used her position to gather more than 100,000 signatures on a petition calling for just that.

But it was the UK Parliament that ended up acting on that petition, debating the matter and then throwing it out.

The people we're choosing to represent us as MEPs can deal with the continent-wide issues on immigration, jobs, investment and the environment. They are not the ones that are going to get us out of or keep us in the union.

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# A great day out ruined by dog owners

A GREAT visit to Himley Hall — what a great initiative by Dudley Council during the late 1980s to take on full control of this national heritage.

I visited the exhibition and seated on a bench. It was idyllic, the weather, a mother and friend playing with a young baby and toddler on the grass.

Then a puppy sized black coloured terrier type dog, on a long uncontrollable lead, was allowed to run within ten feet of the family group, yapping in delight.

The dog couple, having difficulty controlling their mutt, seemed obliv-

ious to a mother, friend, young baby and toddler enjoying their freedom on the grassed area.

The dog was allowed to aggressively yap at the party, while those in apparent 'control' failed as responsible dog owners to attempt to fulfil their legal responsibilities.

Unfortunately the couple in their late fifties or early sixties allowed their animal to relieve itself, in solid form, less than ten feet from the group that had been allowing the eldest child to crawl around on the cut grass.

There was no attempt to retrieve

the bowel movement or apologise to the family. They just walked off with the offending, uncontrolled mutt.

As a family, we have owned a number of pets including three dogs and are fully aware that the responsibility morally and legally rests with the owners.

I have passed on the registration number of the car of the 'offenders' in this case to Dudley Council and hopefully the appropriate action will be taken.

**B MASON**  
Wolverhampton

## Wasting our money on foreign aid

THE NHS is in trouble due to lack of funds.

Old people's nursing homes are closing down due to lack of funds, drugs that could prolong a patient's life, or at least ease some of their suffering, are too costly — yet Cameron insists on sending millions in aid abroad each day.

I'm sure they could find better use for these amounts in England. It should be spent on the NHS and old people.

Next to none of the money of ours that he wastes goes to the people who need it — the despots just pile it in their bank accounts.

Even MPs have said they don't know where the money goes, but I feel sure Mugabe and co do know where it goes.

It's time he was made to stop wasting our money and today's elections could be an important start.

**J PERKINS**  
Lower Gornal  
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## Maglev would beat HS2 for rail speed

**YET again our lords and masters have gone off half-cocked. If we must have HS2 why should we rely on outdated technology? Why not make HS2 a Maglev (a British invention)? Has no-one considered this?**

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Of course the oil barons and their shareholders would lose out, but let's face it, who cares about them? They make altogether too much money as it is.

And we wouldn't need to import the railway track from Austria (the largest rail factory in Europe, thanks to certain officials) and we wouldn't have to import locomotives and rolling stock either — we could make them all, and the economy would benefit even more.

Just an idea!  
**J BENTON**  
Moxley

## Guarantee call on Euro referendum

OUR Dudley South Conservative MP Mr Chris Kelly said in 'The Way I See It' column in Dudley Chronicle on May 8 that his was the only party that would guarantee a referendum, to be held in 2017, on British membership of the European Union.

If as a result of the 2015 General Election, the Tories are given the opportunity to organise a referendum and the decision of the British people is to withdraw from the European Union, will he give a cast-iron guarantee that this will happen?

I ask the question because a quality Sunday newspaper recently stated that Mr Cameron had been asked to give this commitment but had refused to do so — allegedly because of pressure from big business interests.

Over to you Mr Kelly.  
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Brownies from Dudley, Lower Gornal and Netherton celebrating at the 100th birthday party



A centenary lollipop for Freya Butlin, from the 3rd Sedgley



Hoops of fun — Brownies from the West Midlands playing games in 1952



Whatever the era the emphasis on fun for the Brownies



Emma Morton and Katie Lee, of 3rd Cradley Heath Brownies

# Brownies get together to mark centenary

**WHEN** it was founded a century ago, the Brownies focussed on activities such as sewing and housework.

Nowadays its members can do everything from abseiling and canoeing to scientific experiments and discussing world issues.

Hundreds of Brownies came together this month to learn about and celebrate the organisation's 100-year history.

A total of 291 girls from 21 units within the Brownies' Dudley Division marked the centenary at Black Country Living Museum along with 68 unit leaders.

The youngsters, all aged between seven and 10, sat through an old-fashioned school lesson to learn about how children their age would have been taught 100 years ago.

They were told the story of how the Brownies came to exist around a traditional camp-fire and also enjoyed fairground rides during the

## MEMORY LANE

by Will Ackermann

day. They put on a colourful parade, walking from the canal-side through the museum grounds in their uniforms and holding flags and banners representing their units, before tucking in to cakes and singing songs.

## Smiles

Dudley Division commissioner Edith Jones said: "It's been a wonderful day. Just to go around and see the Brownies' smiles, that's all we want and it tells you that they've had a fantastic day and so have I. It is important for the girls to know about the history."

Emily Barnes, aged 10, from Tividale, who is a member of the 3rd Oakham Brownies, said the Big Brownie Birthday celebrations had been 'totally awesome'.

Doreen Cutler, district commissioner for Dudley East and

Oakham, thanked the museum for helping make the day a success.

The Brownies were formed in 1914, four years after The Girl Guides Association, which was launched in response to girls marching through the turnstile at the first Boy Scout Rally at Crystal Palace and demanding 'something for the girls'.

When first established, the organisation was called Rosebuds but the following year it changed its name to Brownies, inspired by the book *The Brownies and Other Tales*, by Julianna Horatia Ewing.

Brownies joined in the war effort during the First World War, rolling bandages, and collecting books and magazines for injured soldiers. During the Second World War, when many Brownies were evacuated from their homes, some helped raise £50,000 towards the war effort in just one week by cleaning shoes and donating pocket money.

There have been Brownies in Dudley for as long as the organisation has existed.



Forty years ago — Brownies in uniform in the 1970s

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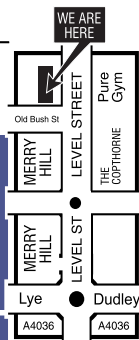
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# Buzz about town over bees' favourite bench

A BUSY town centre was buzzing with excitement as a swarm of bees swarmed around the leg of one of the town's benches.

Dozens of passers-by stopped to get a glimpse of the colony of honey bees – believed to be made up of around 15,000 of the insects – that had attached itself to the leg of a metal bench in Stourbridge.

Soon after the swarm was spotted on the bench, near to the town square's historic clock, expert beekeeper Lee Griffin, the treasurer of Hagley and Stourbridge Beekeepers Association, arrived.

## Cordon

He quickly set up a cordon around the bees to stop people getting too close.

He said: "I had been in town doing some shopping when I came across the hive."

"It's not uncommon for bees to swarm. It is part of the hive's life cycle but it doesn't usually happen in the middle of a busy town and is not something most people would usually notice."

"It has been really interesting to see how many people where interested in the swarm. It's probably something that most people haven't seen before in their life."

He said the bees likely belonged to a local keeper who hadn't noticed part of the hive preparing to leave in a swarm, a process in which the old queen leaves the hive and takes around a third of the workers and drones with her.

He said that as long as swarms were not disturbed, the bees posed no danger to the public.

More help was quickly at hand when



Buzz off you lot — Justus Klaar uses traditional methods to move the swarm on



I don't bee-lieve it... a leg of the bench is alive with a swarm of bees

Justus Klaar, a seasonal bee inspector, arrived to clear the swarm using traditional methods which included a smoker and even a feather.

He said there had already been 14 swarms in the Stourbridge area this year. He explained that the swarm would be contained and could be safely taken away to a hive he had already prepared. One of the first people to

spot the swarm was 54-year-old Gary Cooper from Stourbridge, who had been sitting on the bench.

He said: "I was sitting there in the morning and when I came back I couldn't believe it."

"I was absolutely astonished to see so many bees in one place, let alone under a bench in the centre of Stourbridge."

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# Rogue roofers jailed for conning elderly couple

**TWO brothers behind a roofing firm which manipulated and frightened an elderly couple into having work done to their home, while overcharging them by more than £1,700, have been jailed.**

Jason Charles ripped off Halesowen couple Maurice and Janet Rudge by charging £2,400 to re-point two chimneys and provide scaffolding after he misled them by claiming the chimneys were unsafe.

Charles was caught sleeping on the job, which showed 'obvious contempt to your victims', according to Judge Anthony Potter who jailed the 42-year-old for 18 months at Wolverhampton Magistrates' Court last week.

## Jury

Charles, who was found guilty of seven charges by a jury, ran the business PRS Roofing with his brother Dean Powers, 47, of Cherry Tree Lane, Hayley Green, Halesowen. Powers was given a 12-month prison sentence by Judge Potter after being found guilty of two charges at the same trial.

A jury was told Charles, of Birmingham Street, Halesowen, had called on the Rudes' home in Blackberry Lane in August 2011 and told them their two chimneys were in need of re-pointing. He agreed a price for the work but failed to advise them they could cancel the contract. The next day scaffolding was put up but work on their home was left incomplete and the television aerial was cut. An expert told the jury the work was worth £670.

Judge Potter said: "You, Jason Charles, quite deliberately targeted them, whether or not you knew Mr Rudge suffered from cancer I can not say. I am satisfied you knew he had suffered strokes. He and his wife were deliberately manipulated. You are a



**Jason Charles — judge said he showed contempt for his victims**



**Dean Powers — says he is leaving the building trade to make clean start**

large man and you would have been an intermediating person to this couple. You frightened them."

The trial also heard how a second couple was targeted. Michael Rimmer paid £2,800 for a fibre glass roof for his home in Halesowen in October 2010. But despite a 30-year guarantee, Charles and Powers were called back to carry out repairs just two years later.

At the trial in March Charles and Powers were both found guilty of participating in a fraudulent business and engaging in a commercial practice

which contravened the requirements of professional diligence. Charles was also found guilty of five charges of fraud.

Miss Elizabeth Power, defending Charles, said: "He feels totally and utterly ashamed."

Mr Thomas McGarvey, defending Powers, said: "He wants to make a clean start and leave the building trade behind."

Speaking after the sentencing, Mrs Rudge, aged 79, said: "I hope the Lord forgives them because I certainly won't."

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## Group takes a trip back to the 60s

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MRS McInnes welcomed everyone to the April meeting and reminded members of the arrangements for the birthday evening in May.

She then introduced the speaker Ray Sturdy to give a slide show taking members on a nostalgic journey through the 60s.

The 60s began with more young people in Europe and America than previously experienced.

The group was reminded of the comedy, food, cars, music, politics, major events like the Coronation and the assassination of President Kennedy and much more. He delivered his talk with humour and great enthusiasm.

The Gardening Group went to Birmingham Library to see the Discovery Terrace and the Secret Garden on the seventh floor and then up again to the Skyline Viewpoint 51 metres above street level.

Anna Marie from Beacon Centre for the Blind was the Social Studies speaker. The Blind Institute was established in 1875. In 1961, seven acres of land was purchased from the Earl of Dudley and in 1963 opened as Beacon Centre for the Blind with day centre, facilities, workshops and a residential care home.

In 2010 most of the buildings were demolished and the New Beacon Centre opened.

On May 28 Derek Wharton will speak on Puppets from Around the World.

## High Flyers handed wheelbarrows gift



Doreen Pike, Mary Rowley and Dot Sanders with some of the young High Flyers

SEDGLEY & Wombourne Inner Wheel members, led by their president Doreen Pike, made a special presentation of two decorated wheelbarrows to High Flyers at their home in Pegasus House, Wombourne. High Flyers is a service providing day opportunities for adults with learning difficulties.

Their co-ordinator, Sheila Baker said of

### INNER WHEEL CLUB

Pegasus House: "It is truly wonderful to have a place which gives lots of opportunities for our members to enjoy a range of activities."

Pictured are President Doreen Pike, with members Mary Rowley, Dot Sanders and

## Workshop run by secretary Pam

### STOURBRIDGE FLORAL ART CLUB

THE club meeting on April 7 was a workshop organised by secretary Pam Nixon.

Workshops run by Pam are extremely popular and more than 30 members took part in this particular one. New techniques were tried out by aspidistra leaves being manipulated by weaving in colourful medilina and by using many different types of flowers and foliage a variety of arrangements were created on the same theme by club members.

Handmade greetings cards made and donated by members also on sale as well as floristry merchandise. Refreshments were available and it was a very enjoyable evening.

Stourbridge Floral Arts club offers a warm welcome to visitors as well as to new members. Meetings are on the first Monday of the month, there are 10 meetings each year. At most

meetings there is from a professional flower arranger whose repartee is both entertaining and informative. Social visits to venues of interest are also held throughout the year.

Meetings are at The Elton Centre at St John's Road, formerly St John's Church Hall. New members and visitors are welcome. Call 01384 377593 or visit [www.stourbridgefloralartclub.co.uk](http://www.stourbridgefloralartclub.co.uk)

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The branch has a close relationship with New Quay station on the Ceredigion coast, where the 'Frank and Lena Clifford of Stourbridge' is stationed. The Mersey class lifeboat funded by the Cliffords has been in operation since 1992, helping to save 344 lives.

A book entitled 'The New Quay Lifeboats: One Hundred and Fifty Years of Service and Courage' has been published.

# £12m skills centre for builders at the college

**BOSSES** behind plans for a £12 million construction training centre in Dudley say they hope it will support the industry's recovery.

The new facility has been earmarked to join other developments in the town's Learning Quarter by Dudley College chiefs.

Officials have revealed the scheme has been included as part of the Black Country Local Enterprise Partnership's bid for £56 million from the Government's Local Growth Fund to support projects across the region.

If successful, building work would begin on the new centre, called CABTech, in September 2015 with the centre opening to students in Spring 2017.

It would include teaching and workshop facilities to train people in both traditional and new construction skills.

Under current plans the centre would be built next to the Dudley Advance building in Priory Road.

Dudley Advance is the college's new centre for Advanced Manufacturing an Engineering Technology which is due to open this Autumn.

### Relocate

Bosses say creating the two specialist centres on Priory Road would bring together skills development and facilities.

The new building would also allow the college to relocate its existing craft and trade skills workshops from its Mons Hill campus into the Learning Quarter.

The Local Enterprise Partnership's funding bid is to support the Black Country Strategic Economic Plan, which aims to make the area a better place to live, learn and work.

Officials said securing

funding from the Government through the Local Growth Fund would see the college investment in the town total £50m.

Investment to date has funded a new vocational training centre and A level centre alongside the refurbishment of an existing building into a sculpture workshop.

Two residential properties have been transformed into specialist centres for students with learning difficulties and disabilities.

Dudley College principal Lowell Williams said: "Our ambition to support the recovery of the construction industry in this country is driving this new addition to the Learning Quarter.

"With construction being recognised by the UK Government as one of the 10 key sectors driving economic recovery, it's imperative that current and future workforces are trained and ready to meet the challenges the economic up-turn will bring."

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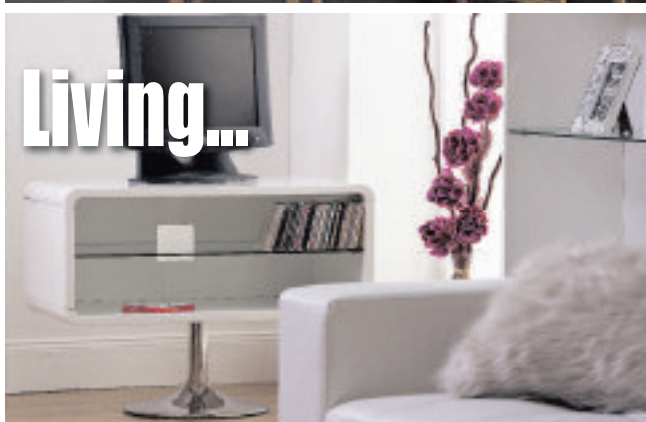
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# Garden guru loves getting hands dirty

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TV gardening guru Alan Titchmarsh is looking forward to getting his hands dirty at RHS Chelsea Flower Show this weekend.

Instead of wearing a sharp suit to present the show, for the first time in 30 years, he will be wearing a pair of gloves and designing a garden instead.

Obviously, there's a substantial chance it will be rather good too – not only is Titchmarsh one of the country's best-known gardening presenters, but back in 1985, when Titchmarsh last designed a garden at the prestigious Chelsea, he was awarded an RHS Gold Medal for his Country Kitchen garden.

### Volunteers

He will also be joining forces with another RHS Chelsea Flower Show Gold Medal winner, Kate Gould, to create From The Moors To The Sea – a celebration of 50 years of the RHS Britain in Bloom campaign, to represent how 300,000 volunteers help to make Britain bloom and explore Alan's relationship with horticulture through his life.

"It's 50 years since I started work as an apprentice, so I thought I could either do a 1960s-style garden through to the 21st century, but the sixties were a bit dull, all rose beds and lawns.

"So I thought, why don't I demonstrate where I first started, which was the Yorkshire moors, up to where I garden now, on the coast on the Isle of Wight?

"So we will be sloping from moorland at the back, with dry stone walls, coming down to a seaside garden at



Alan is enjoying producing his own exhibit for the show

the front. It's 50 years of 'my journey', to use the X Factor phrase.

"It's also showing the British Isles and its variety. Being a cool temperate set of islands, the range we can grow is incredibly wide and this will show the richness of the British Isles."

He'll be featuring pines, heath-ers and birches from the moorland, through wild flowers, down to seaside plants including echiums and cabbage palms. It will be a 10m by 15m microcosm of British gardens and landscapes. It sounds great, but how does Titchmarsh feel about not presenting the Chelsea coverage for the first time in 30 years?

Last year Titchmarsh announced

he was stepping down from the BBC's coverage of Chelsea after programme-makers offered him a more 'limited' role, although he remains RHS vice president and first ambassador.

### Criteria

"[I feel] wonderful," he insists. "I'm putting a show garden together – I've done it before and I love doing it. It's technically an exhibit but will look like a show garden. It's not being judged but the same criteria and standard of finish will have to be there. I've moved on, there was disappointment but it's gone, I'm over it. There's no point in dwelling on things."

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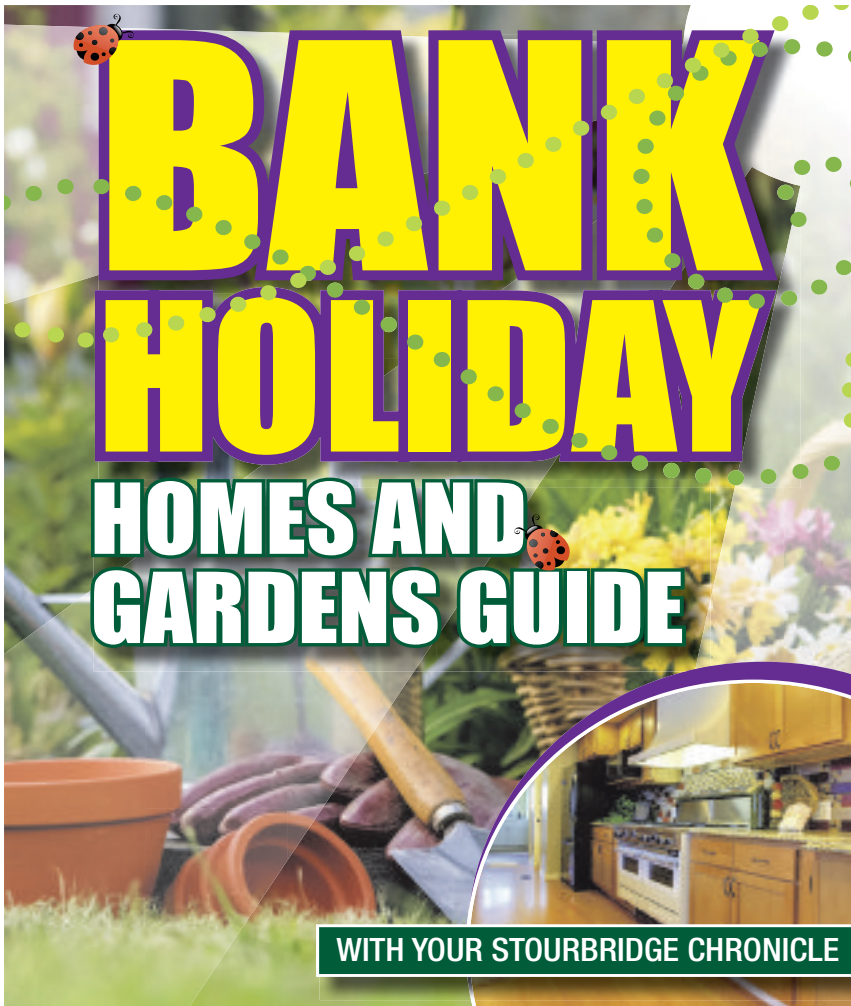



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## Swim Deep to play new venue

A NEW music venue opens in the Digbeth area of Birmingham this weekend with a home city concert by Swim Deep on Saturday.

The Ooblick at the Custard Factory arts, retail and business complex is in Alfie Bird's, which also contains a pizzeria, cocktail bar and exhibition space.

Supporting the indie pop outfit, who last year released their debut album *Where The Heaven Are We*, will be Brighton band The Magic Gang and new Birmingham quartet Juice.

The venue will be officially launched by comic Barbara Nice tomorrow night with the Moselele Singalong and Felix Martin from Hot Chip has a DJ set on Sunday. See [www.alfiebirds.co.uk](http://www.alfiebirds.co.uk) for details.

## Art imitates life at New Alexandra

TRIBUTES to rock and pop legends are vying for attention at Birmingham's New Alexandra Theatre.

Tonight Lee 'Memphis' King presents *One Night of Elvis* at the Station Street venue. Tomorrow it's The Carpenters Story paying tribute to siblings Karen and Richard.

On Thursday, May 29, The Simon and Garfunkel Story features Dean Elliot, as Paul, from West End show *Buddy* and Jonny Smart as Art. Fans of the duo will be able to experience half of the real thing when Art Garfunkel is at the Alex on September 6.

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## Home turf dates for rising star

BLACK Country musician Kim Lowings will be coming home for a concert this month as part of a tour which has taken her and her band all over Britain.

The Stourbridge folk singer/songwriter who fronts The Greenwood, a collective made up of local musicians, will be playing Stourbridge Folk Club at Katie Fitzgerald's pub, Enville Street, Stourbridge, on May 29.

On June 21 Lowings will be performing at The Green Duck Brewery, Stourbridge, and on June 30 you can catch the band at The Crescent Theatre Bar in Birmingham.

The band, including Tim Rogers and Andrew Lowings, will be appearing at Bromsgrove and Warwick folk festivals in July before coming back to her home town on September 6 at Stourbridge Folk Festival at the Redhouse Cone.



Black Country folk singer Kim Lowings is coming home

**BLOCKBUSTER musical Barnum and a comedy that has taken the theatre world by storm are coming to Wolverhampton Grand Theatre, which has announced it's winter season.**

Panto favourite Brian Conley is one of the stars on his way to the Lichfield Street venue as 'the greatest showman on earth' in a revival of the hit musical *Barnum*, which will visit the city in late January.

Conley is no stranger to the Midlands as a regular in panto at Birmingham Hippodrome and having starred in drag as Edna Turnblad when *Hairspray* came to the Grand.

The National Theatre's madcap farce *One Man, Two Guvnors* will run at the Grand from March 16 to 21 with the lead role, first played by James Corden, being taken by Shaun Williamson, who will be starring alongside fellow former *EastEnders* regular Emma Barton.

Award-winning play *The Curious Incident of The Dog in the Night Time*, which recently moved West End theatres after a ceiling collapsed, will be coming to the Grand on tour from February 16 to 21. English Touring Theatre will present the Royal Shakespeare Company production of *A Mad World My Masters*, from February 26 to 28. Classic Arthur Miller drama *A View from the Bridge* will be at the theatre from March 24 to 28.

This autumn the centenary of the First World War will be marked with performances of Pat Barker's *Regeneration*. The novel looking at war and its devastating effects has been adapted for the stage by award-winning playwright Nicholas Wright and is staged from November 4 to 8.

Two of the most anticipated shows are the musicals *Dirty Dancing*, from September 23 to October 11, and West End hit *Top Hat*, from October 21 to November 1. Meanwhile, the King of Pop Michael Jackson will be celebrated when tribute show *Thriller Live* returns to the Grand from November 11 to 15.

Newly-announced one night shows include *The Magic of Motown* on July 13, Soul



Brian Conley to star in musical Barnum

Legends on September 13 and the return of cruise ship star, from *Loose Women*, Jane McDonald on September 17.

Musicals will also dominate the summer with the new stage version of rock 'n' roll sitcom *Happy Days* on June 10 to 14 and the Marc Bolan story *20th Century Boy*, featuring T Rex's hits, from June 30 to July 5.

Meanwhile, tickets are already selling fast for this year's panto *Cinderella* which will star Julian Clary. He will be joined by Joe Tracini, Hollywood actor and son of last year's pantomime star Joe Pasquale.

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## Comedy gala will help youth theatre

WOLVERHAMPTON'S own comedy group Pappys, stars of BBC 3's *Badults*, are among a stellar line-up performing at the Hilarity Charity Gala 2014.

The show at the Grand Theatre on Thursday, May 29, is in aid of the city's Central Youth Theatre.

The show will be compered by Perrier award winner Daniel Kitson. The acts include Josh Widdicombe from *Mock The Week*, BBC Radio 4's *Isy Suttie*, 8 Out Of 10 Cats regulars Jon Richardson and Elis James, and Edinburgh Fringe favourite Josie Long. Tickets costs £20 (concessions £15). The age guidance is 14 plus.

Get tickets at [www.grandtheatre.co.uk](http://www.grandtheatre.co.uk) or by calling (01902) 429212.

## Going around in Circles at The Rep

AN actress and a playwright, both from Birmingham, team up at The Rep for a play about domestic abuse which is set on the city's No11 bus route.

Circles by Handsworth-born Rachel De-la-hay is directed by Tessa Walker and stars Sarah Manners, best known for roles in *Doctors* and *Casualty*. It is staged at Birmingham Rep's The Door venue until Saturday.

Joseph Heller's *Catch-22* is currently in the main house. *Game Of Thrones* actor Owen Teale will be in Dylan Thomas centenary production *Under Milk Wood* from June 2 to 7.



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## CHOICE



Joanna Lumley

**50 Years of BBC2 Comedy (BBC2, 9pm)**  
BBC Two's 50th birthday backslapping began in April, but who can blame the powers-that-be for making the most of its milestone anniversary? As this programme reminds us, when it comes to comedy, the channel has a lot to celebrate. Right from the start, BBC Two was the home of groundbreaking and iconic shows – in its first year alone, it gave us The Likely Lads and Not Only... But Also. This year's W1A proved, BBC Two isn't afraid to laugh at itself either, but for tonight, a who's who of British comedy – including Ricky Gervais, Eric Idle, Michael Palin, Terry Jones, Vic and Bob, The Goodies, Ian Hislop, Sarah Millican and Prunella Scales will be singing the channel's praises and discussing their own contributions to five decades of laughs.

## BBC1

**6.00 Breakfast.** 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live. 11.30 Nigellissima. (R) 12.00 Homes Under the Hammer. (R) 1.00 BBC News; Weather. 1.15 Bargain Hunt. (R) 2.15 Escape to the Country. (R) 3.15 Film: Father of the Bride. (1991) Comedy remake, starring Steve Martin. 4.55 A Question of Sport. (R) 5.25 Formula 1: Monaco Grand Prix Qualifying Highlights.

**6.40 BBC News;** Regional News; Weather.

**7.00 Pointless Celebrities.** Alexander Armstrong and Richard Osman present a sitcom special of the unorthodox quiz show. Vicki Michelle, Ian Lavender, Simon Day, Arabella Weir, Meera Syal, Phil Cornwell, Ewen MacIntosh and Simon Greenall try to come up with the least popular correct answers to questions posed to members of the public, hoping to win a jackpot sum. (R)

**7.50 The National Lottery: In It to Win It.** Dale Winton presents the quiz in which contestants pit their wits to scoop a big cash prize. Includes the Lotto and Thunderball draws hosted by Gabby Rios, with music by Lee Mead.

**8.40 Casualty.** Cal assists a family torn apart by sibling rivalry and Tess helps a pregnant teenager stand up to her controlling father. Ash and Zoe realise Connie has been manipulating them.

**9.30 The Guess List.** Warwick Davis, Jane Horrocks, Rachel Riley, Gary Lineker and Russell Grant help contestants answer all sorts of everyday questions. Game show, with Rob Brydon. Last in the series.

**10.10 BBC News;** Weather.

**10.30 Mrs Brown's Boys.** Agnes ends up at the wrong venue after trying to gategrash Maria's hen party. She then tries to impress the bride-to-be's mother during a dinner date, but the evening ends in chaos; (R) National Lottery Update.

**11.00 Live at the Apollo.** Dara O Briain warms up the crowd before introducing stand-up routines by ventriloquist extraordinaire Nina Conti and the irrepressible Danny Bhoir. (R)

**11.30 The Football League Show.** Derby County v Queens Park Rangers. Action from the Championship play-off final at Wembley Stadium.

**12.15 Film:** No Way Out. (1987) 2.05 Weatherwise. 2.10 BBC News.

## BBC2

**6.15 Film:** Slaughter Trail. (1951) 7.30 Great British Menu. (R) 8.00 Great British Menu. (R) 8.30 Great British Menu. (R) 9.00 Great British Menu. (R) 9.30 Great British Menu. (R) 10.00 World Cup Films. 10.15 World Cup Films. 11.45 Inspire: Rwanda Special. 12.00 Two Greedy Italians. (R) 1.00 Raymond Blanc's Kitchen Secrets. (R) 1.30 Sophia Loren: Talking Pictures. 2.05 Film: El Cid. (1961) Historical epic drama, starring Charlton Heston. 5.00 Flog It!

**6.00 Golf: The PGA Championship.** Hazel Irvine introduces highlights of the third day of one of the tour's most prestigious events, held at Wentworth in Surrey. This event has been decided by a play-off in two of the last three years, and it was Matteo Manassero who triumphed in 2013, as he defeated Simon Khan and Marc Warren. With commentary by Peter Alliss, Ken Brown and Andrew Cotter.

**7.00 The Mysterious Mr Webster.** James Shapiro investigates the life of dramatist John Webster, whose The Duchess of Malfi was the most frequently performed play of the Jacobean period not written by Shakespeare.

**8.00 RHS Chelsea Flower Show 2014.** Monty Don, Joe Swift and Nicki Chapman round off BBC Two's coverage of the show with the plant sell-off and the presenters share their favourite moments from this year's event.

**9.00 50 Years of BBC2 Comedy.** As part of BBC2's 50th birthday celebrations, Joanna Lumley narrates a programme celebrating the channel's comedy output, from The Likely Lads and Not Only... But Also in 1964 through to W1A and Rev from this year. Including moments from shows by Monty Python and Spike Milligan, as well as clips of The League of Gentlemen, The Office, Miranda and Fawlty Towers. With contributions by Ricky Gervais, Eric Idle, Michael Palin, Terry Jones, Alan Alda, Vic Reeves and Bob Mortimer, the Goodies, Catherine Tate, Bill Bailey, Ian Hislop, Armando Iannucci, Prunella Scales, Charlie Brooker and Paul Whitehouse.

**11.00 Film: Bend It Like Beckham.** (2002) Comedy, starring Parminder Nagra.

**12.45 The Story of Slapstick.** (R) 1.45 Film: The Salt of Life. (2011) 3.10 This is BBC Two.

## ITV

**6.00 CITV:** Fort Boyard Ultimate Challenge. 6.25 Dino Dan. (R) 6.35 Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) 6.50 Canimals. (R) 7.00 Canimals. (R) 7.05 Sooty. (R) 7.20 Digimon Fusion. (R) 7.45 Horrid Henry. (R) 8.00 Adventure Time. 8.25 ITV News. 8.30 Weekend. 9.25 The Hungry Sallors. (R) 10.20 Murder, She Wrote. (R) 11.15 ITV News; Weather. 11.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. 12.30 Storage Hoarders. (R) 1.20 Film: Beethoven's 4th. (2001) Comedy sequel, starring Judge Reinhold. 3.05 Peter Andre's 50 Minute Makeover. (R) 4.05 Off Their Rockers. (R) 4.35 Tipping Point: Lucky Stars. (R) 5.35 Regional Programme; Weather. 5.45 ITV News; Weather.

**6.00 Let Me Entertain You.** Hairdressers and staff at a community theatre gym go head to head with their take on a famous song, and Michael Underwood showcases viewers' home-made videos for Katy Perry's Roar.

**6.30 New You've Been Framed!** Harry Hill puts his own spin on viewers' clips, featuring a bungled balcony theft in the Home Counties and the world's most inappropriate birthday present. Last in the series.

**7.00 Live UEFA Champions League Final.** Real Madrid v Atletico Madrid (Kick-off 7.45pm). Coverage of the showpiece match at the Estadio da Luz in Lisbon, where European club football's premier competition concludes. This is the first time the fixture has been played between two clubs from the same city, and Atletico would love nothing more than to prevent their rivals from winning the trophy for the 10th time, having been a revelation this season under coach Diego Simeone. Real have beaten German opposition in all three rounds of the knockout stage, while Atletico ended Chelsea's chances with victory at Stamford Bridge in the semi-finals. Subsequent programmes subject to change.

**10.15 ITV News;** Weather.

**10.30 The Americans.** Philip befriends a former engineer to find out more about the stealth programme, while Elizabeth is shocked when she uncovers new information about Kate.

**11.30 Piers Morgan's Life Stories:** Peter Andre. (R) 12.30 Jackpot247. 3.00 Dinner Date: Australia. (R) 3.45 ITV Nightscreen.

## CHANNEL 4

**6.05 The Hoobs.** (R) 6.30 Trans World Sport. 7.30 The Grid. 8.00 The Morning Line. 9.00 Weekend Kitchen. 10.00 Frasier. (R) 10.25 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 10.55 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 11.25 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 11.50 The Simpsons. (R) 12.20 The Simpsons. (R) 12.45 Marvel's Agents of SHIELD. (R) 1.40 Channel 4 Racing. Live coverage from Haydock Park, Goodwood and the Curragh. 4.10 Come Dine with Me. (R) 4.40 Come Dine with Me. (R) 5.10 Come Dine with Me. (R) 5.40 Come Dine with Me. (R)

**6.15 Come Dine with Me.** Frenchman Denis Verrier hosts the final dinner party in Bath, and hopes his experience of working in the hospitality industry will secure him the £1,000 prize. (R)

**6.40 Channel 4 News.**

**7.05 The Restoration Man.** Architect George Clarke meets a furniture-maker who wants to create a home out of a colossal Second World War RAF bunker with no natural light and a back section submerged in water. (R)

**8.00 Grand Designs.** Commercial architect Mark Walker and his art-director wife Kae want to build the ultimate family home near York, inspired by a giant farm shed. However, her idea for a warm and cosy design conflicts dramatically with his penchant for building large scale warehouses, and finding something they both agree on proves extremely challenging on their tight budget. Kevin McCloud follows the couple's progress. (R)

**9.00 Film: The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn – Part 1.** (2011) Premiere. Peaceful vampire Edward marries his human girlfriend Bella, who is soon pregnant. However, the existence of this child has dangerous implications for them and the people around them, and a pack of werewolves is determined to prevent the birth by any means necessary. The first half of the two-part conclusion to the romantic fantasy series, with Kristen Stewart.

**11.15 Film: Copycat.** (1995) A psychologist is accused by an attempt on her life to agree to help the police hunt for a serial killer re-enacting famous murders. Thriller, with Sigourney Weaver.

**1.35 Film:** Basic Instinct 2. (2006) 3.35 Hollyoaks. (R) 5.35 SuperScrippers. (R) 5.50 The Hoobs. (R)

## CHANNEL 5

**6.00 Milkshake!** 10.00 Chinese Food in Minutes. (R) 10.15 Access. 10.25 Classic Car Rescue. (R) 11.25 Film: 633 Squadron. (1964) 1.15 Film: Columbo: Uneasy Lies the Crown. (1990) Crime drama, with Peter Falk. 3.15 Film: Columbo: Gaulton – Murder Can Be Hazardous to Your Health. (1991) Crime drama, starring Peter Falk. 5.10 Film: Jesse Stone: No Remorse. (2010)

**6.45 5 News Weekend.**

**6.50 Longmire.** Walt receives a call from a man about a distressed young woman in his store, but later finds the shopkeeper has been killed and the girl has run off. Walt calls on Henry and the Ferg to help track her down and they pick up a trail that leads to a rabbit hutch, where they find an abandoned baby.

**7.40 Longmire.** When the president of the tribal council is found dead in his car on county land, it is clear to Walt that the body has been moved from the original crime scene. He discovers that the victim had a gambling problem and was into the seedy world of an illegal poker game held in a tattoo parlour. Meanwhile, the sheriff also deals with feelings of betrayal when he finds out Cady and Branch are having an affair.

**8.30 NCIS.** A Navy pilot who was wearing an experimental jet pack is murdered in a secluded area, and the strange circumstances of the case lead the team into a confrontation with a no-nonsense attorney who appears to hold a grudge against Gibbs. Crime drama, starring Mark Harmon. (R)

**9.30 The NCIS Movie: War on Terror.** France. (R) A military aircraft transporting the bodies of US marines back home crashes before reaching its destination, and Gibbs and the team are called in to help identify human remains at the site of the wreckage. However, a DNA discrepancy turns a routine investigation into a search for a missing person. (R)

**11.15 NCIS.** Gibbs discovers Tony's father is linked to the team's latest investigation, which involves an assassination attempt on a Saudi prince. (R)

**12.15 SuperCasino.** 3.05 DIY Dummies. (R) 4.00 Wildlife SOS. (R) 4.25 Make It Big. (R) 4.50 The Funky Valley Show. (R) 5.00 Angels of Jarm. (R) 5.10 Roary the Racing Car. (R) 5.20 Angels of Jarm. (R) 5.30 The Funky Valley Show. (R) 5.40 Roary the Racing Car. (R)

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**BBC Three**  
7.00 Lily Allen & Ed Sheeran @R1BW  
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9.55 Coldplay Live @R1BW 11.00 Family Guy 12.30 American Dad! 1.15 Sweat the Small Stuff 1.45 England's Worst Ever Football Team 2.45 Impractical Jokers 3.15 Russell Howard's Good News 3.45 Great TV Mistakes 3.55 Close

**BBC Four**  
7.00 Jazz Legends in Their Own Words  
8.00 Jazz 625 at the BBC 9.00 Wallander  
10.30 History of the Eagles 12.30 The Top of the Pops: 1979 1.10 Sounds of the 70s 2 New Wave – Hit Me with Your Rhythm Stick 1.40 Jazz 625 at the BBC 2.40 Jazz Legends in Their Own Words 3.40 Close

**ITV2**  
12.00 Britain's Got More Talent 1.10 You've Been Framed! 2.15 You've Been Framed and Famous! 3.20 Film: The Mighty Ducks (1992) 5.30 Film: Nanny McPhee (2005) 7.25 Film: Star Wars: Episode IV – A New Hope (1977) 10.00 Celebrity Juice 11.00 Viral Tap 11.45 Film: The Nutty Professor (1996) 1.40 Mom 2.05 You've Been Framed! 2.30 The Funniest Moments 2.50 Teleshopping 5.50 ITV2 Nightscreen

**ITV3**  
12.35 Jane Austen's Emma 2.45 Agatha Christie's Marple 4.55 Rosemary & Thyme 6.00 Lewis 8.00 Doc Martin 9.00 Foyle's War 11.00 Bomb Girls 12.00 A Touch of Frost 2.00 ITV3 Nightscreen

**ITV4**  
11.00 Live Indian Premier League Cricket. 8.00 BRDC Formula 4 Championship Highlights 9.00 Film: Extreme Measures (1996) 11.25 Film: Serenity (2005) 1.45 Warren United 2.15 Highway Patrol 2.40 ITV4 Nightscreen 3.00 Teleshopping

**E4**  
2.00 How I Met Your Mother 3.00 The Big Bang Theory 4.00 Made in Chelsea 5.00 Youngers 5.30 How I Met Your Mother 6.30 The Big Bang Theory 7.30 How I Met Your Mother 8.00 The Tomorrow People 9.00 Film: Die Hard 2 (1990) 11.30 The Big Bang Theory 12.30 The Inbetweeners 1.30 Rude Tube 2.30 How I Met Your Mother 3.15 The Cleveland Show 4.00 Made in Chelsea 4.55 Ugly Betty

**Film4**  
11.00 The Last Wagon (1956) 1.00 Letters to Juliet (2010) 3.05 Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs (2009) 4.50 City of Ember (2008) 6.04 Mona Lisa Smile (2003) 9.00 The American (2010) 11.05 Scary Movie 2 (2001) 12.40 Carriers (2009) 2.20 The Comedian (2012) 4.00 Close

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CHOICE



Phillip Schofield

**The British Soap Awards 2014 (ITV, 8.15pm)**  
It's a tense time for soap fans – there's the ongoing mystery of who killed Lucy Beale on EastEnders, and Coronation Street is launching a whodunit of its own this week. But if you just want to know who the sexiest male in soap is, you're in for a much shorter wait as Phillip Schofield hosts the British Soap Awards from the Hackney Empire in London. It's a chance to look back over 12 months of drama in Walford, Weatherfield, Hollyoaks, Emmerdale, and Doctors' Letherbridge, including one of the biggest TV talking points of the year – the death of Corrie's Hayley Cropper, with David Neilson and Julie Hesmondhalgh (aka Roy and Hayley) are in the runner for Best Actor and Actress respectively, as well as Best On-Screen Partnership.

BBC1

**6.00 Breakfast.** **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** The Big Questions. **11.00** Sunday Politics. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** Countryfile. (R) **2.15** Flog It! Trade Secrets. **2.45** Escape to the Country. (R) **3.15** Points of View. **3.30** Brazil with Michael Palin. (R) **4.30** Songs of Praise. **5.05** Formula 1: Monaco Grand Prix – Highlights. **6.35** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **7.00** Countryfile. Matt Baker is at the childhood home of Charles Darwin in Shropshire, helping to restore the garden's "thinking path", where as a young man the naturalist would spend his mornings in silent contemplation with his father. Ellie Harrison visits a project to create a habitat for the rare water vole and John Craven finds out about a plan that saved thousands of lives during the Second World War. Adam Henson handles rare ponies on the Queen's Balmoral estate in Scotland and Tom Peck reveals how and why walkers are occasionally injured – or in rare cases killed – by bulls and cows. Including Weather for the Week Ahead. **8.00** Antiques Roadshow. Fiona Bruce heads back to Scotland, where a crowd awaits the opinions of the experts at the National Gallery of Modern Art in Edinburgh. Items include a sketchbook believed to have been made on the journey from England to Australia in 1851 aboard the SS Great Britain, a maritime landscape painting found in a skip and a jade Buddhist lion dog. **9.00** Quirke. New series. Crime drama set in 1950s Dublin, starring Gabriel Byrne as the city's chief pathologist. Quirke is surprised to find his adoptive brother Maichey, an obstetric consultant, meddling in the case of a recently deceased young woman, so he performs a full post-mortem. With no love lost between the men, he is determined to call his relative to account – but as he digs deeper he threatens to uncover a long-buried secret that should have been left untold. **10.30** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **11.00** Vote 2014 – Europe. David Dimbleby presents the results of the European ballots. **3.00** Weatherline. **3.05** BBC News.

BBC2

**6.15 Film:** The Saint's Double Trouble. (1940) **8.30** The Saint Takes Over. (1940) **8.30** The Beechgrove Garden. **9.00** World Cup Films. **10.25** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.55** Two Greedy Italians. (R) **12.55** Fusion: They Came to Cordura. (1959) Military adventure, starring Gary Cooper. **2.55** Gymnastics: European Championships. **5.30** Charley Hull – Teenage Tigress. **6.00** Golf: PGA Championship. Hazel Irvine presents highlights of the fourth day of one of the tour's most prestigious events, held at Wentworth in Surrey. This was the 60th staging of the tournament, which came to a close with the players tackling the par-72 course that has staged this competition every year since 1964. With commentary by Peter Alliss, Ken Brown and Andrew Cotter. **7.00** Tropic of Cancer. Simon Reeve traces the path of the northern tropic around the globe, a journey in which he explores the environment, culture, history, politics and people of 18 countries. He begins in Baja California on Mexico's Pacific coast, crossing the country's rugged interior, before heading east to Cuba and ending the first leg in the Bahamas. (R) **8.00** The Best of Top Gear. A final selection of highlights from the last two series, looking back at Jeremy Clarkson, Richard Hammond and James May's most memorable stunts and challenges. Last in the series. **9.00** Harry & Paul's Story of the 2s. Harry Enfield and Paul Whitehouse take an irreverent look at the history of BBC Two, featuring parodies of The Office, Boys from the Blackstuff, Arena and The Apprentice. **10.00** Absolutely Fabulous. Edina is horrified when Gable tells her she is about to be visited by an ultra-thin model she knew in the 1960s and decides to lose some weight. Guest starring Alexandra Bastedo. (R) **10.30** Steve Coogan: The Inside Story. Profile of the comedy actor. (R) **11.30** Film: A Cook and His Bull. (2006) An epistolical comedian wrestles with personal issues while starring in a movie of a supposedly unfilmable novel. Comedy, with Steve Coogan and Rob Brydon. **1.00** Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) **2.00** Holby City. (R) **3.00** This is BBC Two.

ITV

**6.00** CITV: Fort Boyard Ultimate Challenge. **6.25** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.50** Canimals. (R) **7.00** Canimals. (R) **7.05** Sooty. (R) **7.20** Digimon: Fusion. (R) **7.45** Horrid Henry. (R) **8.00** Deadline. (R) **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Weekend. **9.25** May the Best House Win. (R) **10.20** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **11.20** Love Your Garden. (R) **12.25** ITV News; Weather. **12.30** Long Lost Family. (R) **1.35** All Star Family Fortunes. (R) **2.20** Film: Black Beauty. (1994) Family drama, starring Sean Bean. **4.00** Let Me Entertain You. (R) **4.30** Midsomer Murders. (R) **6.30** Regional Programme; Weather. **6.45** ITV News; Weather. **7.00** Britain's Got Talent. Ant and Dec present the concluding round of auditions, before Simon Cowell, David Walliams, Amanda Holden and Alesha Dixon make their selections for the live semi-finals. Continues tomorrow. **8.15** The British Soap Awards 2014. From the Hackney Empire in London, Phillip Schofield hosts the star-studded ceremony celebrating the best of Coronation Street, EastEnders, Emmerdale, Hollyoaks and Doctors over the past 12 months. Famous faces from the entertainment world hand out awards in 14 categories, including Villain of the Year, featuring Charlie Brooks (EastEnders' Janine), Dominic Power (Emmerdale's resident serial killer Cameron) and no less than three Hollyoaks baddies – Greg Woolf (Trevor), Jesse Brinall (Fraser) and Anna Passey (Sienna). David Neilson and Julie Hesmondhalgh (Corrie couple Roy and Hayley) are nominated for Best On-Screen Partnership as well as the Individual Actor and Actress gongs, while David makes a third shortlist in Best Dramatic Performance. **10.20** Perspectives: Bruce Forsyth on Sammy Davis Jr. The veteran entertainer explores the life and work of the US singer, dancer and actor who emerged from the dying days of vaudeville and rose to superstardom. Last in the series. Sammy and Bruce can be seen at 11.45pm. **11.25** ITV News; Weather. **11.45** Sammy and Bruce. (R) **12.40** The Store. **2.40** Motorsport UK. **3.30** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) **4.10** ITV Nightscreen. **5.05** Rory Bremner's Great British Views. (R)

CHANNEL 4

**6.15** The Hoobs. (R) **6.40** Ginetta Challenge. **7.10** How I Met Your Mother. (R) **7.35** How I Met Your Mother. (R) **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** Secret Esters. (R) **1.35** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **2.05** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **2.35** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **3.05** The Simpsons. (R) **3.35** Film: Hocus Pocus. (1993) Supernatural Disney comedy, starring Betty Midler. **5.30** Deal or No Deal. **6.30** Channel 4 News. **7.00** Four Rooms. Jeff Salmer, Wendy Meskin, Raj Bisram and Peter Ratcliffe lock horns over a unique silver American football helmet, a rare Rolling Stones LP signed by Andy Warhol, a sculpture of Jesus Christ, an antique big-cat skull and a full-size replica of the time-travelling Delorean sports car from Back to the Future. Meeting each of the dealers in a separate room, the sellers must judge when to part with their valuable items and when to walk out on an offer. Presented by Anita Rani. **8.00** For the Love of Cars. Ant Anstead sets out to restore a DeLorean DMC-12, while Philip Glenister heads to America to research the story of the car with the unique design that was made famous in the Back to the Future trilogy. Very few DeLoreans were ever made, after the company collapsed following allegations of improper conduct. Philip meets former workers at the original production site, superfans of the vehicle and the daughter of its creator John DeLorean. **9.00** Fargo. Gus and Molly team up in Duluth, and while Malvo executes his master plan, Lester tries to craft one of his own as his life continues to crumble around him. American drama inspired by the Coen brothers' hit film, starring Billy Bob Thornton, Martin Freeman, Colin Hanks and Allison Tolman. **10.05** Film: Kick-Ass. (2010) A teenager tries to become a superhero, but finds real-life crime-fighting much more dangerous than in comics. Action comedy, starring Aaron Taylor-Johnson and Chloe Grace Moretz. **12.25** Film: Berberian Sound Studio. (2012) **1.55** Southland. **2.40** Utopia. (R) **3.35** Just Not Cricket. (R) **3.40** Four Rooms. (R) **4.35** Hugh's 3 Good Things. (R) **5.05** SuperScrimpers. (R) **5.10** Deal or No Deal. (R)

CHANNEL 5

**6.00** Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowerpots. (R) **6.25** Bubble Guppies. (R) **6.35** The Mr Men Show. (R) **6.50** Chloe's Closet. **7.00** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.10** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **7.20** Make Way for Maddy. (R) **7.40** City of Friends. (R) **7.45** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **7.50** Little Princess. (R) **8.05** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.15** Oily the Little White Van. (R) **8.25** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **8.40** Rupert Bear. (R) **8.55** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.15** Jelly Jamm. (R) **9.30** LazyTown. (R) **10.00** Power Rangers Super Samurai. (R) **10.35** Power Rangers Megaforce. (R) **11.10** Access. **11.20** Meerkat Manor. (R) **11.50** Film: Ace Ventura: Pet Detective. (1994) **1.35** Film: Police Academy 2: Their First Assignment. (1985) Comedy sequel, starring Steve Guttenberg. **3.15** Film: Wild Wild West. (1999) Sci-fi Western comedy, starring Will Smith. **5.10** Film: The Time Machine. (2002) Sci-fi adventure. **6.55** 5 News Weekend. **7.00** Cricket on 5. **8.00** England v Sri Lanka. England v Sri Lanka. Mark Nicholas presents action from the second fixture in the one-day series, which took place at the Emirates Durham International Cricket Ground. **8.00** Film: Ghost Rider. (2007) Motorcycle stuntman Johnny Blaze sells his soul to diabolical Mephistopheles to save the life of his father. His bargain dooms him to pass each night as Ghost Rider, a demonic skeletal biker bound to take evil souls to Hell. However, conflict between Mephistopheles and his son offers Johnny the chance to win back his humanity. Fantasy thriller based on the comic-book, starring Nicolas Cage. **10.00** Film: Drive Angry. (2011) A man breaks out of Hell to track down the cult leader who has murdered his daughter and plans to sacrifice her baby. Fantasy thriller, starring Nicolas Cage and Amber Heard. **11.55** Car Crime UK: Caught on Camera. How CCTV and technological advances are helping tackle the problem of vehicle theft, including footage that helped put an end to one of London's most prolific gangs. (R) **12.55** SuperCasino. **3.05** Classic Car Rescue. (R) **4.00** Wildlife SOS. (R) **4.25** Make It Big. (R) **4.50** The Funky Valley Show. (R) **5.00** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.10** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.20** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.30** The Funky Valley Show.

DIGITAL

**BBC Three**  
**7.00** Rita Ora & London Grammar @ R1BW **8.00** Time Tempah & Kings of Leon @R1BW **9.00** Paolo Nutini & Kasabian @R1BW **10.00** In the Flesh **11.00** Katy Perry @R1BW **12.00** Family Guy **12.45** In the Flesh **1.45** Tyler Takes on the Perfect Body **2.45** Great Movie Mistakes – Not in 3D **3.00** In the Flesh **4.00** Close **BBC Four**  
**7.00** The Mysterious Mr Webster **8.00** The Duchess of Malfi: BBC Arts at the Globe **10.30** Secret Voices of Hollywood **12.00** Nat King Cole: Afraid of the Dark **1.30** Legends: Herb Alpert – Tijuana Brass and Other Delights **2.30** Queens of Jazz: The Joy and Pain of the Jazz Divas **3.30** Sounds of the 70s 2: Art House Glam – Get in the Swing **3.40** Close **ITV2**  
**11.45** Ashley Roberts: The Hot Desk **11.55** Totally You! You've Been Framed! **12.55** You've Been Framed! **1.25** Film: Mr Bean's Holiday (2007) **3.10** Film: The Lost World: Jurassic Park (1997) **5.45** Film: Star Wars: Episode V – The Empire Strikes Back (1980) **8.15** Britain's Got More Talent **9.20** Funniest Ever You've Been Framed! **10.00** Viral Top **10.45** Britain's Got Talent **12.00** Britain's Got More Talent **1.05** Mon 1.50 The Vampire Diaries **2.35** Life's Funniest Moments **ITV3**  
**11.40** Agatha Christie's Marple **1.45** Rosemary & Thyme **2.45** Live French Open Tennis. **8.00** Lewis **12.05** Film: The Human Stain (2003) **2.15** William and Mary **3.15** Judge Judy **3.35** ITV3 Nightscreen **4.00** Emmerdale **ITV4**  
**3.00** Live Indian Premier League Cricket. **7.55** French Open Tennis **9.00** Film: Serenity (2005) **11.25** Film: Child's Play 2 (1990) **1.10** Monaco Historic Grand Prix 2014 **2.10** Motorway Patrol **2.40** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping **E4**  
**12.30** Youngers **1.00** Made in Chelsea **2.05** Revenge **3.00** How I Met Your Mother **4.00** The Big Bang Theory **5.00** The Tomorrow People **6.00** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **6.30** The Big Bang Theory **7.00** Troy **8.00** Film: Romancing the Stone (1984) **10.10** The Inbetweeners **11.10** The Big Bang Theory **12.10** Rude Tube **1.15** Troy **2.15** Rules of Engagement **3.00** 2 Broke Girls **Film4**  
**11.00** The Long Arm (1956) **1.00** Leap Year (2010) **2.55** Warlords of Atlantis (1978) **4.50** Big (1988) **6.55** Step Up (2006) **9.00** Friends with Benefits (2011) **11.10** Fatal Attraction (1987) **1.30** The Serpent (2006) **3.55** Close

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## Film Choices

### MONDAY

**Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides**, BBC1, 8pm  
Captain Jack Sparrow sets sail in search of the legendary fountain of youth. His mission puts him against a mysterious woman from his past, old enemy Barbosa, now in the employ of the British Navy, and the most feared pirate of them all, the dreaded Blackbeard. Fantasy adventure sequel, with Johnny Depp, Penelope Cruz and Ian McShane. (2011)

### TUESDAY

**White Oleander**, BBC1, 11.45pm

A 15-year-old girl's happy life is thrown into upheaval when her mother is sentenced to life imprisonment for murdering her lover. Astrid spends the rest of her adolescence drifting from one foster home to another, but her mother remains a constant influence in her life. Drama based on Janet Fitch's novel, starring Alison Lohman, Michelle Pfeiffer, Renee Zellweger, Robin Wright and Billy Connolly. (2002)



**Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides**, Monday, BBC1, 8pm

### WEDNESDAY

**Total Recall**, ITV, 11.10pm

A construction worker pays to have fake memories of a dream holiday implanted into his brain, but discovers his mind has already been tampered with - apparently to erase his true identity as a secret agent from a colony on Mars. He journeys to the planet in search of the truth, but is drawn into a conflict between the tyrannical ruler and a rebel faction. Paul Verhoeven's sci-fi thriller, starring Arnold Schwarzenegger. (1990)

### THURSDAY

**The Crossing Guard**, BBC1, 11.35pm

A grieving father waits for the drink-driver who killed his daughter to get out of prison then tries to kill him. He fails, but his target is so guilt-ridden he believes he deserves to die in retribution for his crime. The pair agree to three days' grace to put their affairs in order, during which time both men face up to past mistakes and broken relationships. Sean Penn's drama, with Jack Nicholson, David Morse and Robin Wright. (1995)

### FRIDAY

**Casino Royale**, ITV, 10.45pm

James Bond achieves his '00' status and is dispatched on the trail of Le Chiffre, an international criminal financing terrorist organisations around the world. Bond's investigation leads to a casino in Montenegro, where he takes part in a high-stakes poker game in a bid to bankrupt Le Chiffre and put an end to his plans. Spy thriller, directed by Martin Campbell and starring Daniel Craig in his first outing as 007. (2006)

## Pick of the Week

# Family matters to Gabriel in new series

**G**abriel Byrne may have lived in the States for some time, but when he was offered the chance to return to Dublin for this new series, he jumped at it – and it's little wonder.

Based on John Banville's thrillers, the series has gone down a treat in its native, but now the Beeb has snapped it up, in a major Anglo-Irish co-production, we get to see for ourselves what all the fuss is about. And if you like your thrillers dark and mysterious, it won't disappoint.

Quirke opens in the late autumn of 1956, where a hungover city pathologist known only as 'Quirke' (we never get to know his Christian name) stumbles from a late-night party in the nurses' quarters. He hopes to sleep in his suburban pathology lab.

However, his adoptive brother, obstetric consultant Malachy Griffin, is at our hero's desk completing paperwork for Christine Fallo, a recently deceased patient.

When Quirke returns the following morning, Christine's

body is gone and the medical expert is curious about his brother's strange behaviour. Further investigation suggests Mal was the father of Christine's child, and he believes the youngster has been spirited away to America under the wing of the Catholic Church.

Quirke follows the trail to Boston, accompanying Mal's daughter – Quirke's niece Phoebe – on a last visit to her ailing grandfather. He eventually uncovers the truth about a family secret that has remained buried for nearly two decades.

Byrne explains of his alter ego: "I think that most people can relate to a wounded past. Some people are more adept at dealing with it, and some people are much more delicate and sensitive and I think Quirke is one of those people who hides his vulnerability and his pain underneath and exterior of detachment.

"His work as a pathologist, I always thought he was much at home among the dead than he is with the living and for him, in a

strange way, the dead are still living creatures and he's the last one really to take care of them so that space where he works is very sacred to him."

It helps that Byrne's passionate about the genre in which the series falls, as he says: "Mystery and enigma are fascinating because it forces the audience to raise questions about the character. That's not to say that all characters are enigmatic and mysterious - some are very obvious - but I like the idea of hiding in plain sight and allowing the audience to play that game with you."

Like Jack Reacher fans smarting over the fact Tom Cruise played their giant of a literary hero a couple of years ago, fans of the Banville novels may take umbrage at the fact Gabriel isn't 6ft 4in, doesn't have the feet of a dancer or blond hair. It scarcely matters. Byrne is compelling in the lead, and with a supporting cast including Michael Gambon, you know you're in safe hands.



**Gabriel Byrne heads the cast of Quirke**, Sunday, BBC1, 9pm

## Best of the Rest

### MONDAY

**Britain's Got Talent**

**Channel 5, 9pm**

Ant and Dec present the first live semi-final, which sees nine of the 45 chosen acts compete to impress the judges and secure the all-important viewers' vote. At stake is the chance to appear at this year's Royal Variety Performance and win a life-changing cash prize of £250,000, but first the contestants have to win one of two coveted places available in the final. And if things don't go to plan on stage, the hopefuls can still be buzzed off - so the pressure is on to prove they've got what it takes

**What the Dambusters Did Next**

**Channel 5, 9pm**

What better film for a Bank Holiday Monday than a rousing, fact-based wartime drama? The Dam Busters certainly meets that remit, and sure enough Channel 5 are treating us to that classic Michael Redgrave and Richard Todd flagwaver this evening. But have you ever wondered what became of the brave pilots of 617 Squadron after Operation Chastise, the famous May 1943 raids on the Ruhr and Eder valleys? This documentary combines archive footage, testimony from veterans and experts, and dramatic reconstructions to recap the events of 1943, and examine some of the squadron's subsequent missions. They include a daring night-time bombing raid on a strategically important canal, during which the crews faced a ferocious barrage of anti-aircraft defences.

### TUESDAY

**Welcome to Rio**

**BBC2, 9pm**

You'd have to have been living under a very large, soundproofed rock to have not noticed that the world is football mad this year, thanks to the 2014 World Cup – and all eyes are on Rio de Janeiro. But this stunning series isn't about the football – it's about the lives of the city's residents, and the daily goings-on in the favelas. As Rio prepares for the World Cup and the Olympics, the Brazilian government has launched a military campaign to wrest control of the areas from drugs gangs; a process known as Pacification. This first instalment comes from one of the first favelas to be pacified, Cantagalo, and one of its residents, Rocky, is a delivery man who works everyday, hauling fridges, ovens and televisions on his shoulders, to support his family.

### WEDNESDAY

**Del Boys & Dealers**

**BBC1, 9pm**

It's probably a bit unfair to describe the people featured on this programme as 'Del Boys'. You could, however, argue that some of them are a tad eccentric. Take Sharon and Al, for instance. They usually deal in novelty goods and use a hearse as their premier mode of transport – perhaps they're big fans of The Munsters. They're travelling to France in it this week, where they hope grab some

great deals at a local auction, despite not knowing the lingo. Canterbury women Stevie and Denise have a more down-to-earth approach to raising funds – they bought a bundle of second-hand clothes at auction and are literally hoping to turn rags to riches via a market stall.

### THURSDAY

**Meet the Police Commissioner**

**Channel 4, 9pm**

Just two years ago, police forces up and down the country felt the double shake-up for 50 years when elections resulted in the appointment of 41 Police and Crime Commissioners – a venture which cost £75million, but strangely enough, resulted in the lowest voting turnout since the Second World War.

Consequently, the small turnout meant that some obscure, perhaps 'eccentric' candidates were voted in. This Cutting Edge documentary hears from Ann Barnes, Police and Crime Commissioner for Kent, who was initially against the introduction of PCCs, adamant that the whole idea was naïve.

However, she later decided to offer herself forward as a potential for the role. Her first year in office has been tumultuous, to say the least...

**Live International Football, Friday, ITV, 7.30pm**

**Burning Desire: The Seduction of Smoking**

**BBC2, 9.30pm**

Despite a growing number of people trying to quit with latest trending aids, cigarettes are still big business. Given that, Peter Taylor is a man on a mission. In this new series, the journalist and documentary-maker travels to Australia to look at the industry's last-ditch attempt to prevent plain packaging. He is allowed rare access to the world's second biggest tobacco company, and explores the reason behind the fact that on a daily basis, thousands of young people around the world are still being seduced by the allure of smoking.

### FRIDAY

**Live International Football**

**ITV, 7.30pm**

England welcome Peru to Wembley Stadium for their final home friendly before the World Cup. Roy Hodgson's men also have fixtures arranged with Ecuador and Honduras before their campaign in Brazil gets under way against Italy, and the players will be looking to ensure they put themselves in pole position to start against the Azzurri. Among those who will be particularly desperate to impress the manager are Raheem Sterling, Adam Lallana and Ross Barkley, who have all enjoyed strong Premier League campaigns but are yet to become regular starters for their country. The performances of left-backs Leighton Baines and Luke Shaw also seem likely to generate a lot of interest in the build-up to the finals, as their domestic form convinced Hodgson there was no place in the squad for long-time international stalwart Ashley Cole.

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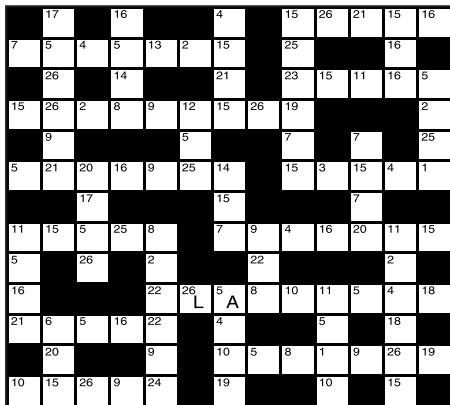
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## Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

N	W	R	V	O	F	P	L	S	Q	H	D	Z
I	U	E	X	M	C	G	J	T	B	Y	K	A

1	14
2	15
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## Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

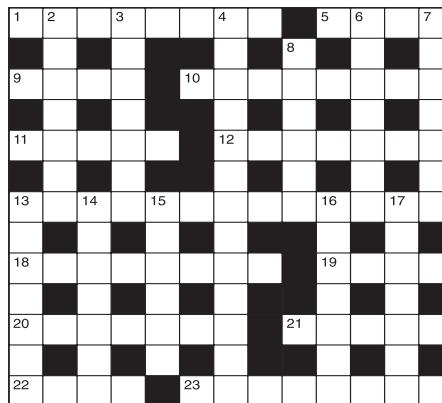
### Cryptic Clues:

#### Across

- Do much better than pupils in the open air? (8)
- She gives help to a thousand (4)
- I object to article which is low (4)
- Potentially explosive journal? (8)
- The French doctor with no head for fruit (5)
- Hanging around, monarch finds bird sound lacking in colour (7)
- What Adam's ale might make an alcoholic? (2,4,2,5)
- What the ark may have been for tourists? (8)
- Helps, because I would be in it (4)
- This flower could be a big one (7)
- 11's other fruit (5)
- The last big things in the car? (4)
- Sound one's aitches like a buccaneer? (8)

#### Down

- It's no good to reduce one's intake! (7)
- Offer comfort at the organ? (7)
- Letters from the lesser chief cities (5,8)
- Nature worshipper provides its main problem (7)
- Doctor on the brink of taking redhead on digger (7)
- One vegetable may spoil a whole line (6)
- Pleasant, like a loud story? (7)
- Red gown badly treated (7)
- Intense study in painting (6)
- A graduate, true, is different - he's not professional! (7)
- Volume (4)
- Extra (8)



### Quick Clues:

#### Across

- Condescending (8)
- Standard (4)
- Presently (4)
- Reveal (8)
- Arbour (5)
- Equipage (7)
- Accidentally (13)
- Roomy (8)
- Left (4)
- Increase (7)
- Exclude (5)
- Volume (4)
- Extra (8)

#### Down

- Exhausted (3-4)
- Strive (7)
- Continuous (13)
- Sentinel (7)
- Very much (7)
- Uncommon (6)
- Immediate (7)
- Mixture (7)
- Masked (6)
- Disregard (7)
- Ages back (4,3)

## Sudoku

		9		8				
	6	5		2		8		
2			4	9				3
	4	1		7	3			5
7		3		6		2	9	
6				3	7			2
	8		5			1		8

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

3	6	5	7	4	8	2	9	1
7	1	8	6	2	9	3	5	4
9	4	2	1	5	3	7	6	8
6	9	3	5	7	1	8	4	2
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8	5	1	2	9	4	6	7	3
4	8	7	9	1	2	5	3	6
5	3	6	4	8	7	1	2	9
1	2	9	3	6	5	4	8	7

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Purest; 4 Lathes; 9 Richard Wagner; 10 Erratic; 11 Arrow; 12 Abuse; 14 Study; 18 Cheer; 19 Low gear; 21 Make nothing of; 22 Server; 23 Sentry. Down: 1 Porter; 2 Record-breaker; 3 Start; 5 Adamant; 6 Hundredweight; 7 Screws; 8 Edict; 13 Strange; 15 Scamps; 16 Cloth; 17 Crafty; 20 Waive. QUICK - Across: 1 Climbs; 4 Sticky; 9 Recalcitrance; 10 Lenient; 11 Emend; 12 Begun; 14 Steps; 18 Adult; 19 Inflate; 21 Consideration; 22 Steady; 23 Leaned. Down: 1 Curdle; 2 Inconsequence; 3 Bulge; 5 Torment; 6 Contemplation; 7 Yields; 8 Mirth; 13 Untried; 15 Lances; 16 Miner; 17 Penned; 20 Flare.

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#### WORDSLEY



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##### KIRKHAM GARDENS

**£510 pcm\***  
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#### DUDLEY



##### RUSSELLS HALL ROAD

**£510 pcm\***  
Semi-Detached House, Lounge/Diner, Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Garage, Off Road Parking, Front & Rear Gardens, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazed, Unfurnished

#### UPPER GORNAL



##### HILL STREET

**£425 pcm\***  
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#### AMBLECOTE



##### DENNIS COURT

**£425 pcm\***  
Ground Floor Flat, Lounge/Diner, Kitchen, One Bedroom, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Unfurnished, Off Road Parking

#### GORNAL



##### CENTRAL DRIVE

**£560 pcm\***  
Semi Detached House, Lounge/Diner, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Unfurnished, Front & Rear Gardens

#### PENSNETT



##### PRIMROSE GARDENS

**£560 pcm\***  
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#### DUDLEY



##### BALMORAL VIEW

**£575 pcm\***  
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#### GREAT BRIDGE



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**£370 pcm\***  
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#### KINGSWINFORD



##### LAMBERT COURT

**£695 pcm\***  
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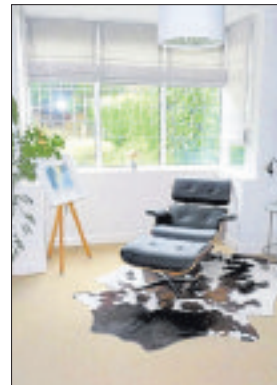


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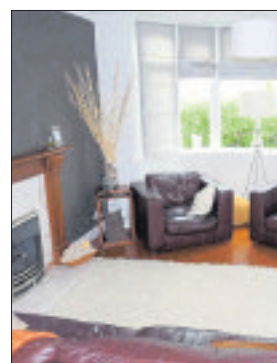
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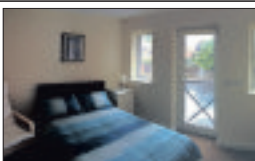
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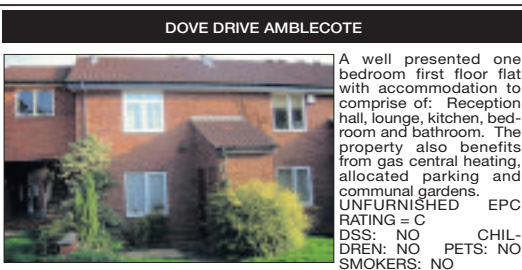
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**LOWER HIGH STREET**

A well presented one bedroom second floor apartment situated in the heart of Stourbridge Town Centre with accommodation to comprise of: External staircase at the rear of the property to the second floor, entrance hall, lounge/kitchen, bedroom and en-suite shower room. The property further benefits from having Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing. UNFURNISHED EPC RATING = D DSS: NO CHILDREN: NO PETS: NO SMOKERS: NO

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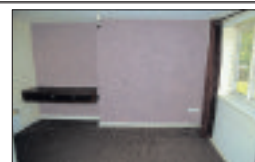
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**FOXDALE DRIVE BRIERLEY HILL**

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If you have any preconceptions about auto gearboxes based on the traditional continuously variable transmissions (CVT) used on small scooters then forget it.  
Honda's DCT system much more responsive, quicker and more efficient. It's an electronically-controlled

dual clutch system very similar to the 'DSG' used in Audis, VWs and some high performance sports cars.  
It was first revealed about four years or so ago as an option on the big VFR1200 and the NC700, and that now fitted to the NC750 is effectively the second generation, mated in this case to a bike with more power and torque than its predecessor.  
This was the first time that I had ridden a bike with this system and found it something of a revelation. It is almost, if not impossible, to stall, it's silky smooth and snatch-free at low speeds and one of the easiest bikes I've ever ridden.  
Add to that its light weight, low centre of gravity and excellent balance, and it's ideal for town traffic as well as rewarding on the open road, too.  
It wasn't built for sports bike performance, with a modest 54bhp from its 750cc twin cylinder engine. But that is 75cc larger than its NC750 predecessor and therefore comes with a useful extra helping of power and torque for surprisingly peppy performance.  
The NC750S is an adventure style machine with a particularly comfortable saddle and upright riding position, providing comfort and an excellent view ahead. If you don't fancy the styling Honda has used the same underpinnings for the Integra – a big scooter – or the trailer styled 750X.  
There's a lot of innovative design involved, particularly in making the 750cc twin one of the lightest engines of its kind. It's also fitted with balancer shafts which very successfully smooth out vibrations.

Once on the move I couldn't actually hear the engine above the wind in my helmet (the flip front kind which is, admittedly, notoriously noisy). That's a shame since while pulling away the slow 'thump thump' of a big twin was pleasantly nostalgic for those of us around in the Sixties.  
The Honda also differs from most competitors in that it has a 'boot'. The fuel tank is under the seat, and what appears to be a tank in front of the saddle is in fact a lockable cargo space big enough to take a full-face helmet.  
On the auto version, manual or auto gearchange mode is selected with a trigger switch on the right hand grip, while a thumb switch selects neutral, drive or sport modes.

## Honest

With your left hand (which, of course, has no clutch to worry about) you use either a finger or thumb for manual up or down changes. To be honest, I didn't bother much as for a riding style which goes with this kind of bike the auto mode is perfectly suited.  
For the die-hards amongst us, a foot pedal for manual gearchanging is an optional extra.  
In Drive mode the electronics get you into top (sixth) gear as soon as possible – usually under 40mph and will hold you there as long as it can. I found it the best choice around town and on the motorway, and it would no doubt reduce the risk of spinning up the back tyre in the wet.  
There is the equivalent of a 'kick



down' for overtaking. Give the throttle a determined twist of the wrist and the electronics interpret your intentions, changing down one or two gears probably as quickly as most riders for a burst of acceleration.  
Or you could just press the 'down' button a couple of times, of course.  
Gear shifting is seamless at any speed adding to the bike's characteristic smoothness.  
In Sport mode the gearbox hangs on to the lower gears for longer and to higher revs – you usually need to pass 60mph to get top for example – to make more of the Honda's performance potential.

I found it better than 'drive' for more challenging, twisty roads as it also changes down more readily, giving you more engine braking while setting up for a bend or roundabout. And more flexible drive and acceleration out the other side, naturally.  
Drive mode is obviously the economical option, with a remarkable 81.6mpg average claimed for the NC750S.  
That's Honda's figure but I don't doubt its accuracy. I chose some of the most challenging b-roads I know on the Welsh borders for the test ride, and even in Sport mode still averaged over 74mpg.

The bike's low centre of gravity and excellent frame make it a nimble, really 'flickable' machine, unlike some of the bigger, heavier enduro machines, which really flattered my riding style.  
The NC750 has only one, instead of the usual two, discs at the front but braking is nevertheless well up to stopping a machine of this weight.  
It probably won't appeal to the sports bike enthusiast, but with its user-friendly nature and economy, particularly around town, it may well tempt a few commuters on to two wheels.  
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Philip Crossman, managing director, Honda (UK) said: "This is great news for Honda and a testament to the great cars we manufacture here in the UK.

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The survey reveals the top 150 cars, new and used, to own in 2014.

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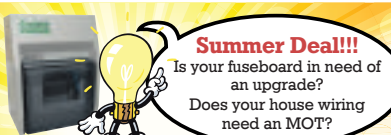
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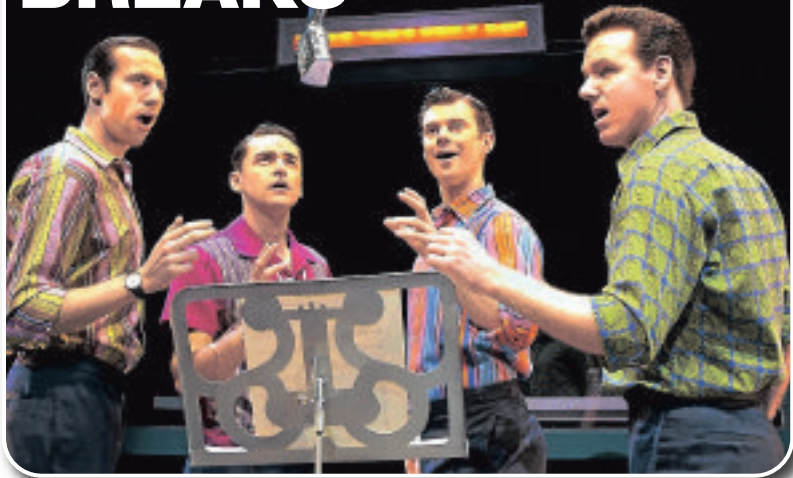
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## Glassboys' friendlies include Harriers

STOURBRIDGE'S pre-season schedule for the 2014/15 season will include home games against Conference sides Kidderminster Harriers and Solihull Moors.

The Harriers, of the Conference Premier Division, launch the Glassboys' warm-up programme with a visit to Amblescote on July 15, while Stourbridge will entertain Conference North Solihull Moors two weeks later on July 29. Both matches will kick off at 7.45 pm.

Matches have also been arranged away to Boldmere St Michaels and Stourport Swifts of the Midland Alliance, Evesham United of the Southern League South & West Division, and Sutton Coldfield Town.

Supporters should keep an eye on the website and twitter (@SFOfficial) for updates. The schedule is: Tuesday July 15 Kidderminster Harriers (Home) 7.45 pm; Saturday July 19 - Boldmere St Michaels (Away) 3pm; Tuesday July 22 - Evesham United (Away) 7.45 pm; Thursday July 24 - Stourport Swifts (Away) 7.45 pm; Tuesday July 29 - Solihull Moors (Home) 7.45 pm; Saturday August 2 - Sutton Coldfield Town (Away) 3pm

## Club aims for 14,500 ticket mark

WOLVES have announced plans to target the 14,500 barrier for season tickets – by dropping prices to lower than when they were last in the Championship.

The club hope the cost structure will push the current total of 11,940 season ticket holders up by another 2,560 to 14,500.

At the moment, 88 per cent of current holders have renewed and more were taken on in the 'Join The Pack' campaign.

Adult fans buying their seats now will pay £370 behind the goals as opposed to £320 under the Early Bird scheme launched in March, which represents a rise of 15.6 per cent, with prices effectively going up from £14 to £16 per game.

# We won't be pushed around – Thelwell

KEVIN THELWELL says Wolves won't be bossed by their big-spending rivals next season as he pledged to improve the squad.

Parachute payments halve to £8m next season. But although head coach Kenny Jackett won't have the spending power of relegated Premier League trio Norwich, Fulham and Cardiff, head of football operations Thelwell believes Wolves have other qualities which will bridge the gap as they bid for a second successive promotion.

"If you look at the research into the different leagues, it's generally in the Premier League that you get what you pay for in

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terms of the teams with the most money finishing at the top," said Thelwell.

"That's not really the case in the Championship. A lot of it's about the environment you create – and we have already done that. Hopefully by the time the season starts, we're ticking all of those boxes."

Meanwhile, Jackett has admitted he's been "very close" to unleashing Wolves 'find' Eusebio Bancesi for six months – but that their pursuit of records meant he

didn't get his chance. The powerfully-built Portuguese winger has taken Wolves' Under-21s by storm, ending as their eight-goal top scorer in 16 games despite being only 18 and in his first season in England after his switch from Benfica last August. And Jackett revealed the wideman, who still speaks little English, has featured high in his thoughts for some time. "If we hadn't been where we were at the end of the season, where even at the Coventry game I left people out and players were disappointed because they wanted to keep playing and we were going for the record, I could have

given him a game," admitted Jackett.

"He's been that close to playing, so he's close to my thinking and has been for perhaps six months – we have high hopes for him."

Wolves pair Nouha Dicko and Bakary Sako are in Mali's squad for a friendly against Guinea on May 25 in Colombes, France.

Despite his tender years, Bancesi has a formidable frame which suggests he wouldn't be intimidated by the Championship. And Jackett believes his record means he can't be ignored.

# My time at Wolves was hell says Bjorn

**WOLVES outcast Bjorn Sigurdarson has lifted the lid on his Molineux nightmare, calling it "hell".**

The 23-year-old forward is currently resurrecting his career on loan at Molde, where he will be until their season ends in November.

Sigurdarson was one of four strikers head coach Kenny Jackett allowed to leave in Leigh Griffiths and Jake Cassidy. And the Icelandic attacker, who has scored two goals in five games for the Tippeliga leaders, is relieved to be back on familiar territory after revealing he felt he had been made to feel inferior at Wolves.

"To show you actually can play, not just sit on the bench and such, is fantastic for me," said Sigurdarson, speaking in Norway.

"Of course you'll doubt yourself when you're not used, absolutely."

"When the manager doesn't like you, no matter what you do or how good you are in training, you get the message: 'No, you're not in the squad'."

"You're not good enough. Then you just want dig yourself under the grass. It becomes hell. So it was fantastic that Molde wanted me and that I got to go back."

For Wolves, Sigurdarson found the net twice in 16 league appearances last season, his final game coming in the 3-3 draw at Rotherham on December 21 after which he played no part in the following seven matches before his move.

Sigurdarson also admitted he struggled to make friends in the Wolves squad. "I feel at home here," he

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said. "These are great guys. In England you don't make friends in the team. Here we eat together and socialise in the evenings. In England they maybe will go and have a drink together, but this is different. I feel my career is on the right track again."

Meanwhile, Wolves have started a coaching restructuring which has left the futures of Steve Weaver and Mick Halsall shrouded in doubt.

The long-serving pair have been told by head of football development Kevin Thelwell that a 'process' has started in the coaching department of reducing the workforce and are set for a further meeting this week when their futures will become clearer.

At least one other member of the coaching staff could be involved in the reshuffle with development coach Weaver and Under-18s coach Halsall.

Employment law means Wolves won't confirm what is going to happen to the duo at the moment.

But the club confirm they have entered into a process of restructuring its coaching

## Sykes screams to a winning start in challenge



Richard Sykes in his Citroen C2 got off to a flying start in the BRC Challenge

STOURBRIDGE rally driver Richard Sykes made a winning start to his BRC Challenge championship campaign with a dominant victory on the opening round of the Pirelli rally.

Sykes got his rally off to a flying start, setting a time nearly 15 seconds faster than his nearest rival on the opening stage, with the new engine in his Bathams Brewery and G.I.Sykes-supported Citroen C2 per-

forming brilliantly. Sykes' time was so quick that he would have been fourth overall in the main British Rally Championship event that ran alongside the Challenge, only being beaten by three more powerful turbo cars.

The pace was maintained over the other five stages on the event, Sykes and co-driver Emma Morrison powering to the fastest time on all but one of them to win by over a minute.

"We had a great rally and gave the new engine a really good test," said Sykes. "We've struggled to get the engine right and we were still making adjustments on a rolling road the day before the event. There's still more to come, I think it's around 85 per cent right at the moment."

Next up for Sykes is the Jim Clark rally which is held on closed public roads around Duns in the Scottish Borders.

## Losing toss sets the tone of match

**Stourbridge 2nd XI 104 Bromsgrove 2nd XI 306-4**

**(Bromsgrove win)**  
LOSING the toss did not help skipper Mikesha Patel taking on Bromsgrove one of the top sides in the Division two 2nd XI South.

Heat came from the bat of No.3 Duncan Roke who piled up 176 with 21 fours and eight sixes.

Things did go from bad to worse for the home skipper as his side collapsed at 104 on the 35th over. Opener Alex Spence 26 and James Winders 39 were the backbone to the Stour's brief innings that contained six ducks.

**Stourbridge 3rds XI 93 Kempsey 1sts XI 174**

**(Kempsey win)**  
Skipper Dave Colesby resigned to the fact that his team was facing the 1st XI decided to bat first having won the toss.

His hopes of decent score failed to materialise Stour all out for 93 in the 48th over Irfan Ahmad top scored with 20 towards the end of the innings.

It took Kempsey just 14 overs to overtake Stour target. Tristan Robinson made 55 with eight fours and two sixes.

**Kempsey 2nd XI 273-9 Stourbridge 4th XI 324-7**

**(Stourbridge win)**

## Big gap in league TV perks

WOLVES might be record-breaking League One champions – but they are paupers when it comes to this season's TV revenue.

The release of payments to Premier League clubs shows a huge contrast between the top flight and League One.

While Albion earned £8,648m from their nine live screenings this season and Villa £13.05m from their 16 appearances, Wolves earned just £135,000 for their five slots before the cameras.

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## Tai roars back to top form in match

TAI Woffinden insists he never lost belief during his early season lack of form.

The reigning world champion bounced back in spectacular style with a stunning display in Finland on Saturday where he finished runner-up in the Mitas Finnish FIM Speedway Grand Prix.

Now he's looking forward with optimism to the rest of the series with nine rounds to go.

He said: "I'm really pleased about it all and really think I have something to build on from here.

"I'm not going to say what has changed or anything like that, I'm just pleased I'm back to something like my best.

"Yes, I was feeling down after Bydgoszcz, but I never had any doubt in my own ability. How could I be so good last season, win the world title and then become this bad?

"I knew I had the ability and that's what kept me going.

"I knew things were better in the build-up to Finland because I was riding well in the leagues in Poland, Sweden and England – and thankfully I was able to keep it going."

Woffinden has also congratulated Matej Zagar on his first GP success after he took advantage of a slip from the champion.

## Georg is due to come back

GEORG MARGREITTER is set to return to Wolves and rejoin his fellow loan exiles after FC Copenhagen failed to negotiate a loan extension.

The Austrian centre-back has spent a season-long loan with the Danish side managed by former Wolves boss Stale Solbakken, who signed him two years ago for £500,000.

Margreitter played 19 games in all competitions as the Danish giants finished second in the SAS Ligaen, six points behind champions Aalborg, although he missed the final match of the season, a 3-2 win against Odense OB as he served a one-match suspension. Solbakken wanted to keep the 25-year-old for another season, but it's thought Wolves want to sell the former Austria Vienna stopper, and the Norwegian admitted they couldn't pay his wages.

# Doyle admits no motivation to play for Wolves

KEVIN DOYLE has admitted he found it difficult to motivate himself to play for Wolves in League One.

The 30-year-old striker is preparing to play for QPR in the Championship play-off final against Derby at Wembley this Saturday hoping to end his loan period on a high by securing a return to the Premier League.

Doyle, who has a year left on his £40,000-a-week contract, is due to report back to Wolves for the start of pre-season training with the rest of the squad on June 25. The Ireland international is hoping his future is sorted out earlier than that and he

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can earn a permanent move to Loftus Road.

But reflecting on this season at Molineux, Doyle, who scored three goals in 23 League games this season for Wolves before netting twice in 11 for Rangers, admitted he found it tough getting excited about playing in the third tier.

"Self-belief is always there. The personal motivational side of it is the hardest," said the forward.

"Especially in League One, I found that difficult. I've always believed in myself,

whether that shows or not I don't know."

Doyle was briefly ostracised when he was sent to train on his own with fellow big earners Stephen Ward, Karl Henry and Jamie O'Hara for a day last summer.

And he was one of four strikers to depart Wolves in January with Leigh Griffiths and Bjorn Sigurdarson in a gamble that paid off spectacularly for Jackett as Nouha Dicko and Leon Clarke came in.

But the former Reading man insists he has no axe to grind with head coach Kenny Jackett.

"I don't feel bitter towards them or any-

thing," he said. "It was such a total downer. We had three good years in the Premier League and then it was two years of a disaster zone.

"You can understand totally why they wanted a clear-out, fresh minds and fresh people who hadn't been through that.

"At Wolves we were one of the favourites to go up last year and we got relegated. We had one of the highest budgets and everything. From my point of view, it's not as easy as people think."

QPR have arguably the biggest budget in the Championship.

## Women end on low spot

### Bradford City Ladies 4 Wolves Women 0

WOLVES Women were unable to rise to the occasion of playing their final game of the season in the impressive surroundings of Valley Parade, and fell to a resounding 4-0 defeat against hosts Bradford City Ladies.

Bradford broke through with an attacking run from their midfield player, who unleashed a terrific 20-yard shot which smashed into the net and left Hall with no chance.

A short while later came some sloppy defending from Wolves, who weren't able to clear the danger, and Bradford made it 2-0.

The second half continued in the same vein, and in the 65th minute Bradford made it 3-0 with a great finish following a simple run to the edge of the Wolves' 18-yard box.

Bradford ended any Wolves' hopes with another run from midfield to beat keeper Hall and make it four with 20 minutes to go.

Manager Trevor Mullings said: "It was a typical end of season game for us.

"There was no urgency from the players and we found it difficult."

## Gera's goodbye to the Albion

HAWTHORNS hero Zoltan Gera has said a fond farewell to Albion insisting "I've enjoyed every minute".

The fans' favourite is one of 10 players to depart in a dramatic end-of-season clearout, bringing to an end a successful Baggies career.

"I enjoyed every minute I spent here," said the 35-year-old.

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Halesowen First XI 194 Stourbridge First XI 195-5 (Stourbridge Firsts win)  
**STOURBRIDGE First XI** leaped up from fifth to second position in division two of the Birmingham and District Premier league by beating local rivals Halesowen.

Needing to reverse an inconsistent form so far this season Stourbridge notched up an important victory.

They were up against a new look Halesowen side with Faisal Shahid at the helm replacing Wes Griffiths.

On a hot day Shahid called correctly at the toss of the coin and batted hoping for a total past the 200 mark. Pace man Matt Bradley made the early breakthrough for Stour with the score on 11 taking the wicket of Mohammad Shauib judged LBW for 1.

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Former Stourbridge player, No.3 Wes Griffiths and the opener Kester Moseley took the score to 53 when Griffiths was caught from the bowling of James Wood for 18, delighting Stour's players.

The biggest partnership of the innings was built between Moseley and the skipper Shahid they progressed the score to 103.

Next to go was the skipper falling LBW to Audy Alexander for 22 in the 34th over total on 104.

With a run rate just over three an over Stour's effort were paying off despite the two chances that went beg-

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ging. Sixteen year old Dion Patel, number 5 joined the opener Moseley with a mission to accelerate the run rate.

Stourbridge's opening partnership of 21 between Alex Bingham and Steve Game set the tone for their reply. Bingham who had played two consecutive square cuts off Dan Jones was first to depart with his score on 10.

He was caught in the slips on a rebound from the keeper Jones getting the better of Bingham. Game and Richard Bradley batted for nine overs putting on 48. Drinks taken on 17 overs Stour were well placed at 68-1 needing 127 for victory.

The cautious Bradley was a victim of LBW to the spinner Zain Shahid for 25. In the next over Game, who looked solid in defence, went in the same way off the bowling of Richard Brooker for 25.

The number four Audy Alexander and batting at 5 Josh Banks both fresh at the crease were confronted with producing 127 off 19 overs for victory. Both kept the score moving with classy boundaries.

## Bugner back in Blighty for dinner speech



Joe Bugner and Earnie Shavers, left, square-up during their visit to Wolverhampton Boxing Club

IT was a case of no place like home for heavyweight great Joe Bugner when he dropped in to Wolverhampton Boxing Club with fellow former fighter Earnie Shavers.

It was a whistle-stop at the gym, before the pair moved on to the city's Novotel Hotel for an after-dinner speaking slot on a show promoted by Gary Bate.

Hungarian-born Bugner's family relocated to Britain when he was

a boy and he went on to become a three-time European heavyweight champion, plus a two-time British and Commonwealth titleholder.

He said: "It's great to be back in England among proper boxing fans. I consider this place my home even though I am enjoying the sunshine in Australia. It's like catching up with old friends!"

A world crown eluded Bugner until he picked up the WBF belt at 48 but

he shared a ring with legends like Muhammad Ali and Joe Frazier, before the 64-year-old retired for pastures new.

Shavers also fought 'The Greatest' in a points loss but had him in all sorts of trouble when they also boxed for his WBA and WBC belts in 1977, in what was termed 'Ali's Desperate Hour'.

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OPENING HOURS: Mon-Thurs 11.30am - 11pm, Fri - Sat 11.30am-12pm, Sun 11.30am - 10.45pm

**COLLECTION SPECIAL** **SAVE UP TO £7**  
 Personal Pizza\* £3.99  
 Small Pizza\* £5.99  
 Medium Pizza\* £7.99  
 Large Pizza\* £9.99  
 Pizza from the menu or create your own, up to 4 toppings.

**WEEK DAY SPECIAL** **SAVE UP TO £8.48**  
 Any Classic Crust Pizza\*  
 + Garlic Pizza Bread + Coleslaw  
 Medium £11.99  
 Large £13.99  
 Monday-Thursday only.

**SAVER DEAL** **SAVE UP TO £7.24**  
 Any Classic Crust Pizza\*  
 + 1 Sumptuous Side + 1 Any Side\*\*  
 Small £12.99  
 Medium £15.99  
 Large £17.99  
 \*Excludes Combo, Ice cream, Chicken 14 & 21

**PIZZA FOR £5** **SAVE UP TO £11.99**  
 Buy One Pizza\*  
 Get 2nd for £5  
 \*Highest price pizza charged at regular price.

**33% OFF ONLINE**  
 when you spend £30 or more at regular menu price.  
 Enter Code: TTKSTVSN  
 \*ONLINE ONLY  
 Excludes ice cream, chicken 14&21

**FAMILY FEAST** **SAVE UP TO £17.96**  
 2 Classic Crust Pizzas\*  
 + Garlic Pizza Bread +  
 Potato Wedges + Bottle of Drink  
 Medium £21.99  
 Large £24.99

T&C's\*Pizza from the menu or create your own up to 4 toppings premium crust charge extra.  
 Online code excludes, Ice Cream, Chicken 14&21 offers. Expire 15th June 2014.